

Information for Metfield residents

In March an information sheet was delivered to all Metfield residents – if you think you missed it a copy can be found on the Parish notice board outside of the village hall, or on the Metfield village website. The following is an update on which services remain available and how residents can get support if they need it.

St John The Baptist Church, Metfield

There will be no services in church for the time being, but we are working on ways to keep in contact and continue to worship in other ways. Information and communications can be found via our Facebook page; Sancroft benefice churches and on our website.

Please bear with me if I don't answer your email quickly.

For further information please contact metfieldchurchadmin@btinternet.com

Metfield Village Stores

The Metfield shop is committed to remain open if we have volunteers willing and able to staff the shop but where this becomes impractical, we will post limited hours.

Current shop hours:

Mon to Saturday 9.00 until 1pm, Sunday 10 until 12.30. Deliveries must be ordered before 11am.

We can deliver newspapers and groceries if you are self-isolating and unable to go out. Deliveries must be ordered before 11am.

If you need shopping delivered or wish to volunteer to help in the shop, with deliveries, making up orders etc please contact the shop on 01379 586204.

Metfield Village Hall

The Village Hall and Bar will remain closed until further notice. All events and classes are cancelled or postponed.

Metfield United Charities Trust

Financial support can be available from Metfield United Charities for individuals and families who may find themselves in financial difficulty at this time. All enquiries are treated in strict confidence. For further information apply to the chairman, Nick Rudge, or email the clerk at metfieldunitedcharities@gmail.com

Self-Isolation

For those individuals who are self-isolating, or if you are just living on your own, you may welcome regular contact with the outside world. A buddy system is now operating within the village to provide regular telephone contact and support.

If you would like someone to regularly contact you, or if you would like to be a Buddy and keep in regular contact with a neighbour please contact Lorraine McEvoy on 01379 586307.

Dog walking

If you are a dog owner and unable to exercise your dog due to illness, there are volunteers who will help you out

If you need your dog walked or wish to volunteer as a dog walker, please contact Jill Dowsett on 01379 586781.

Prescriptions

At present anyone needing repeat prescriptions should still submit the repeat paper slip or order online as usual. We can arrange for someone to collect repeat slips and/or collect prescriptions from Harleston or Fressingfield surgeries.

If you need a repeat prescription ordering or collecting, or you wish to volunteer to deliver prescriptions slips to the surgeries or collect orders, please contact Debbie Fowler on 01379 588124.

Note some drugs require you to provide photographic ID (such as a driving licence) before you can collect, so please ensure you have the necessary information before volunteering.

Allotments

Metfield Allotments and Leisure Gardeners (MAALG) have cancelled all planned meetings and events until further notice. Meanwhile, it is felt that if allotment holders maintain a two-metre separation in line with government guidelines, the allotments provide a healthy way to enjoy being outside whilst gaining some exercise. Please ensure you have read the poster on the gate and adhere to the guidelines.

Children's Play area

Following advice from Mid Suffolk District Council the children's play area will be closed until further notice. We apologise for this action but in the current environment we have no option.

We are all in this together and the Community spirit in Metfield has been fantastic – thanks to all those who have volunteered and/or are helping neighbours

If you have a query or concern, however trivial, please don't hesitate to contact

Peter Mortimer (Chair) on 01986 785396

Lindsey Duckett (Clerk) on 01379 586218, or by email MetfieldParishCouncil@outlook.com

Parish Councillors: Jill Dowsett, Debbie Fowler, Terry Godbold, Chris Osborne, Cecilia Pryce, Peter Schwier, Paul Smith, Peter Twiss