**Dear Schools** 

We are collecting together resources to help the community to draw closer to each other and to God. These will be left them in the church (and the porch if closed) for people to collect and use at home.

For many of the older generation it is their faith that has helped them through difficult times so keeping peoples spiritually strong is so important. Many of the older generation are lifted by any connection they have with young people. If children are willing to make small objects such as prayer cards, painted stones, decorated crosses, clay models, friendship bands (particularly if the child's first name is written on the item or the envelope in which it is put) it might help the more vulnerable to know that the whole community are there for them. It may also reassure the children to know there is something they can do to help to make people smile. If you do not have time during the school day perhaps you would be kind enough to put this on parentlink.

The items can either be left in the church if open or simply placed in the porch. We will make sure items are also delivered to individuals who would appreciate the sentiment and that link with the young.

Love and prayers

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