

HBC CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE - 17.03.2020

No doubt you will all be aware of the new measures our government has implemented to fight the ongoing spread of the Coronavirus in the UK. These measures have far reaching implications to all of society and we as a church community are no different. As a result we wanted to explain to you the decisions we as a leadership have made in regards to the life of our church family here at Horham.

SERVICES, MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES

The government has given guidance for all people to avoid all 'non-essential' social contact. This was specifically applied to the context of 'religious gatherings' by Matt Hancock MP in his speech to the House of Commons last evening. As a result we have made the tough decision to take a break from meeting together until the time the government removes this restriction. This will relate to ALL services, events, meetings and activities for the foreseeable future.

This will obviously have far reaching effects upon all of us as a church family. However, we are already putting in place a number of strategies to ensure we are able to continue to serve, encourage and disciple one another, for as long as these new measures are in place. Here are some of the areas upon which we are currently focusing our efforts:

- We are drawing up a list of all in the fellowship and grouping them according to level of vulnerability, both from coronavirus and the negative effects of isolation. We will then be asking people within the church, who are well and able, to support those most vulnerable; both practically and spiritually.
- We are looking into ways we can continue to regularly resource the church with sermons (either live or recorded), study notes, prayer points and ideas for 'redeeming the time' - using the time of isolation for good and beneficial things rather than just binging on Netflix!
- We are working with Clare to resource parents, teens and children during these times away from church & eventually, more than likely, school - providing studies and activities for them.
- We are looking to partner with local village groups to offer help & support to those in need amidst our surrounding communities.

Please join us in continuing to pray for all those seeking to lead us, care for us and provide for us as we navigate through this worldwide situation. This is a time of unprecedented changes, uncertainty and growing concern, but it is also a time in which the hope & peace found in Christ is so powerfully seen. We need not fear for we know that all things are in the hands of our Great God, in whom we can always trust, for he is truly faithful. Let us call on Him together.

Grace, peace and much love to you all, Adam, Jeremy & Nathan - the elders of HBC.

If you do have any further questions, then please do not hesitate to contact:

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