

Dear Church Family,

Things have moved on so much from last week and we are mindful that many of you are facing very testing times.

Please be assured that we are praying for you and working to keep everyone connected.

### **Online Services**

Huge thanks to Alex Woodfield who pulled together the online service last Sunday. This will be happening again this Sunday and we've already learned a few lessons from the first one which means it should be up and ready to view at 10:30!

You do not have to have a Facebook account to watch. If you follow the link below and ignore the pop-ups which ask you to sign in or open an account you should be able to scroll up and down to find any content; the service will be near the top of the posts.

<https://www.facebook.com/Hesketh-Bank-Christian-Centre-137989929662209/>

Alex is also hoping to add the Sunday services and any other videos we post to the YouTube platform as well; this may be easier for some people to access - we'll keep you informed.

### **'HBCC Family' Facebook Group**

We have created this new group for anyone who belongs to HBCC to share in a private forum.

Hopefully it will help us keep in touch, post thoughts, prayers, requests, encouragements and share news.

Obviously you need to have your own Facebook account to be part of this so, if you don't currently have your own profile, perhaps you could consider setting one up?

We've got the ball rolling today so please use your own contacts to invite others who come to church or any of the Life Groups to join, we don't have everyone's details.

As with everything else on Facebook don't forget that once you've posted something it's out there forever!

### **Good Friday & Easter Sunday**

We are preparing an online service for Good Friday which will be available from 10:30 on the day.

As we normally have breaking of bread at this service we'd like you to have your own bread and wine on hand so we can share in an act of remembrance together, even though we are apart.

The Easter Sunday service will be available from 10:30 on the day.

## **Church Office Closed**

The church office is now closed so the phone will not be answered but you can reach us on the numbers below:

Linda	- 07732 074420
Mark	- 07526 989665
Steve	- 07484 268297
Alex	- 07701 042458 (Youth and Young People)

Please also keep in contact with all the groups of which you are part with the social media tools at your disposal.

## **Prayer**

There is so much to pray for and sometimes we can feel overwhelmed.

Let's not forget that Paul wrote in Romans 8 that:

*'the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit intercedes for us...'*

Please pray specifically for Julie Piper, Sheila Robinson's daughter, who was admitted to hospital today following a mild stroke.

Sheila is staying at Julie's home and her son-in-law John is now having to cope with this new situation; carers are visiting morning and evening to help Sheila.

## **Follow The Guidance**

Let's all do our bit and follow the Government's guidance:

**Stay home, Protect the NHS, Save lives**

This is a link to a brief explanation from Professor Chris Witty, Chief Medical Officer:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0NAOvjO08nI&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0NAOvjO08nI&feature=emb_logo)

## **Clap For Carers**

Tonight at 20:00 people have been asked to join in a big applause (from front doors, gardens, balconies, windows, living rooms etc) to show all nurses; doctors; GPs and carers our appreciation for their ongoing hard work and fight against this virus.

The Leadership Team 26.03.2020

(Don't forget this bulletin is available in the latest news section of the church website along with all previous communications.)

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