

Dear Church Family,

As we approach the Easter weekend may we be filled with a sense of wonder at what God did in raising Jesus from the dead.

We pray that we all would be able to follow the advice of Hebrews 12:2,

'fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who, for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.'

Online Services

Our next online service will be available from 10:30 on Good Friday, 10th April. 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 also be available from 10:30 this Sunday.

All services can be found on the HBCC Facebook page.

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

'HBCC Family' Facebook Group

Keep posting thoughts, prayers, requests, encouragements and news for everyone to see.

Contact Numbers

You can reach us on the numbers below:

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.

Craft Ideas

Have a look, and a go at, the crafts on the HBCC Family Facebook Group and post pictures of your creations!

Prayer

Keep praying for strength and protection for all NHS staff treating Covid 19 patients, when they feel weak or overwhelmed.

For shop workers, delivery drivers, postal workers, farmers & growers, pharmacists, government workers and volunteers in many areas, keeping the isolated connected.

Pray for anyone you know is self-isolating with specific symptoms of the virus or other health problems.

Churches' Community Support: 'Hesketh Bank & Tarleton Helpers'

The Churches of Hesketh Bank and Tarleton are working together with the Parish Council to provide help for anyone who is self-isolating.

This is being coordinated by the Rev David Dickinson of All Saints Church and the Rectory is being used as the hub from which supplies will be sent out.

Contributions of tinned or dried foodstuffs and other household essentials would be very welcome - please take these directly to the Rectory, 1 Silverdale, Hesketh Bank, PR4 6RZ

Reverend Dave sent us this email message a few days ago:

'Just thought I'd say Hi and thanks to the Fellowship; what a fab bunch of volunteers have come from HBCC. They are almost all deployed, joyfully accepting service and cracking on. Some volunteers are isolated but offering a phone befriending service. If any of your members are in this situation and want to join, they are most welcome.'

David Dickinson's number is 01772 814458 if you want to volunteer.

How Long O Lord?

In parts of the media some people are asking when the current restrictions will be lifted.

In simple terms the Government's response to this question is when the 'data' indicates it's safe to relax or partially relax the social distancing rules.

When we wrote to you on 19th March we said we would 'suspend all church activities for at least the next 4 weeks.'

Even though that 4 weeks will be over next Thursday it is clear that the UK is far from getting on top of the Coronavirus at the moment, so it is likely that the restrictions regarding meeting together will go on for some time yet.

Remember:

Stay Home, Protect the NHS, Save Lives

Grace and Peace,

The Leadership Team 09.04.2020

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