

Dear Church Family,

Philippians 4:12 & 13 say:

*'I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.'* (NIV)

The current situation is affecting people in different ways.

For some it is facing the anxiety and risk of being on the frontline in the NHS;

For others the challenge is how to combat boredom and cope without Crunchy Nut Cornflakes for a few days (other cereals are available);

We may be recovering from the virus or in the throes of the first symptoms;

We may be wondering how our business or workplace will survive;

We may be missing social contact with family and friends.

There are no right or wrong ways to feel in these uncertain times; it's OK to be concerned or unsure about where things are heading.

When Paul says to the Philippians he has learned to be content in '*any and every situation*' he wasn't speaking from a position of relaxed privilege. He had suffered much and been in the direst of dire straits - see 2 Corinthians 11:23-29.

But somehow he found the strength to go through all the difficult stuff (as well as the good stuff) because he found a strength which came from Jesus.

We pray that we all find that strength too.

### **Online Services**

Our next online service will be available on Sunday from 10:30.

A big 'Thank You' to Alex for working so hard on these, especially overcoming technical challenges to make them happen.

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

### **Birthday Congratulations**

Happy Birthday to Rosalind Ascroft for tomorrow (Friday 17th April), celebrating her 60th!

## **Prayer**

Further to the prayer points in Tuesday's email, please pray for Daryl Pye, Colin and Margaret's son.

Daryl is a Staff Nurse in Accident and Emergency at Arrowe Park Hospital. He was self-isolating because of his asthma and after a day or so his own chest started to tighten. It did get a little bit better but worsened again yesterday and he has begun to experience aching.

## **Lockdown Extension**

The Government has announced today that the current social distancing rules will be extended for at least the next three weeks.

We will continue to keep in touch with you via email and our online services.

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.

**\*Stay Home, Protect the NHS, Save Lives\***

Grace and Peace,

The Leadership Team 16.04.2020

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