

Dear Church Family,

He who was seated on the throne said, 'I am making everything new!.. It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.'

Revelation 21: 5 & 6

The mission of Jesus and therefore the purpose of God and the *raison d'être* of the Kingdom of God is the making new of all things.

The life, death and resurrection of Jesus and his becoming both Lord and Christ has eternal and cosmic significance.

The revealing and uncovering which takes place in the book of Revelation leads to the moment of renewal and reconciliation which is the New Creation.

That is the trajectory we are on in company with all of God's people who have lived through the ages and are still to come.

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Ivor and Angela Williams have written a poem that reminds us what 'church' is:

Church

*We can't go to church on a Sunday
Since this terrible lockdown began;
But church comes to us in our kitchen
(After breakfast's the usual plan)*

*And we've seen lots of friends in their houses -
Their garden, their study or front room
Thanks to modern devices like tablets
Through Facebook and, lately, on Zoom!*

*It reminds me that church isn't merely
A building, perhaps with a steeple;
A church's foundation is loving the Lord -
A church is, quite simply, its people.*

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Reopening of the Church Building Survey

We are so grateful to everyone who has completed the online survey. There were 72 surveys submitted representing 115 adults and many more children and young people.

We are collating the responses and reading through the very helpful comments and will be letting you know the shape of things from September onwards in next week's Thursday email.

In the meantime please pray that we will be able to be wise in our discussions and proposals for the future.

Congratulations To:

- Lewis Smallwood for achieving a 2:1 in Biochemistry.
- Emma Ritson for achieving a 1st in Fine Art & Film.
- Matthew Bower for gaining a place on a Graduate Apprenticeship Course in Manchester.

Advance Group

The Advance group is focussed on evangelism and staying in a place of expectancy for God to work through us in our everyday lives. If you have a heart to reach others with the good news of Jesus, if you want to grow in confidence in sharing your faith or just simply want to see more of God's kingdom in your life then please join us on Zoom on Tuesday 28th July 7:30-9pm. We believe God wants to work in fresh ways through us during this time of lockdown.

We will be meeting every other Tuesday night for a new set of sessions led by Emily Darby and Abi Chetwood. There will be time for sharing stories and testimonies, teaching and discussion.

Please call us if you would like to know more or to join in, we'd love to see you!

Emily - 07540571324

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Online Content

Service:

Our next online service will be available this Sunday from 10:30 onwards.
All services can be found on the HBCC Facebook page and some are also on YouTube.

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI-q5TmlygGFnooTXluT6kg>

Zoom Catchup

We have decided to give the post-service Zoom Catchup a rest for the month of August so this coming Sunday's will be the last for a few weeks.

Mid-week Reflection

On the HBCC Family Facebook page there is a short, encouraging devotional talk each week which is usually posted on a Wednesday morning.

bibleproject.com

There are a lot of good things to explore; the material on how to read the Bible is very good.

Stories, News and Celebrations

If you have some news, a story, or if you would like us to share special birthdays, anniversaries or occurrences in our weekly bulletin....send details to the church email address at hbccentre@tiscali.co.uk

Giving

There are still ongoing expenses as a church community even though we are not meeting in the building. Many of you give regularly and very faithfully and we're so grateful for your continued support. If anyone would like to make any one-off gifts you can do this through online banking.

Bank Sort Code: 40-24-14

Account No: 10429627

Finally, if you need help or support during the week, you can reach us on the numbers below:

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Steve-07484 268297
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Steve - on behalf of The Leadership Team 23.07.2020