

18th March 2020

Following the Government’s advice concerning Coronavirus (COVID-19), we have made the decision to temporarily cancel our services at Church with immediate effect until further notice. This will apply to Sunday services, Refresh, children’s groups (including Playtime) and all other groups and meetings taking place throughout 3CC, Hammer. Please see the table below for details of each event. If you attend a small group that is not held at Church, please check with your small group leader to confirm arrangements.

SERVICES	
Sunday morning services & groups	Cancelled until further notice. We plan to livestream events – please look out for further details and do join us to worship as a church family
Refresh	Cancelled until further notice
FirstSunday	Cancelled until further notice
GROUPS	
Wednesday Group	Cancelled until further notice
Alpha	Cancelled until further notice
Small Groups based at Hammer	Cancelled until further notice
Small Groups located elsewhere	Decided on an individual basis. Please contact your group leader.
COMMUNITY	
Money Advice	Please contact Money Advice directly if required. They are hoping to continue providing this vital service to those in need.
Playtime	Cancelled until further notice
The Wave	Continuing to operate whilst people available and in accordance with government guidelines
Recharge	Cancelled until further notice
Healing Hour and HOTS	Cancelled until further notice
YOUTH	
Fusion	Cancelled until further notice
Lava Lads & Lava Girls	Cancelled until further notice
OTHER EVENTS	
Mothering Sunday – giveaway	Cancelled
Easter Sunrise walk	Currently intending to go ahead without hot cross buns as low risk – outdoors and people can avoid getting too close!
Church meeting	TBC

The Church office will be closed with staff working from home. We will still have access to emails and can check phone messages if you need to contact us. The Leadership team will further update you about how we can continue to connect in during this time – we are exploring LiveStreaming a daily meditation and prayer to keep us centred on Jesus and praying together during this time.

So in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.
(Romans 12:5)

While we may not be able to come to church, we still are the church. We are the body of Christ, we are family and we need to continue to look after each other. Even though we won't meet together, let's keep that same wonderful sense of care that we have for each other when we normally meet. So please do check up on each other, give people a ring, see how they are and encourage them.

We can also continue to be salt and light in our community and bring hope to those around us. If you know of people nearby who are self-isolating, you may want to consider printing out this Offer of Help card and giving it to them. <http://www.3countieschurch.org/content/pages/documents/1584455192.pdf>

Please adhere to government guidelines when supporting those in isolation or those at greater risk of infection. <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7)

This can be a time of fear but remember we have a greater hope and put our trust in God to sustain, protect and uphold us. You may want to look again at the Coronavirus Prayer by Pete Greig: <https://downloads.24-7prayer.com/pdf/Prayers/cv%20prayer%20slides.pdf>

Please continue to pray healing for those affected, peace for those who are fearful and wisdom for those making decisions in these days. We look forward to meeting together again and being able to share stories of how God has worked in our lives.

Many blessings



on behalf of the Leadership team and staff at 3CC