



Pastoral Update 26/02/2021

Dear friends,

Welcome to the new pastoral update.

1. Online Service this Sunday

This Sunday's service will be led by Liz Mitchell (Headingley), and Ed and Sophie Borrett (Connect@Copperbeech) will lead sung worship. As we continue to vary our approach in these services, the sung worship time will be longer on this occasion. Come prepared to give God praise and glory as Ed and Sophie lead us. Duncan Stow (Cragg) will give the all age talk, Pete Briggs (Cragg) the Bible reading. Tim and Hazel Rowe (Headingley) are leading prayers.

I will be preaching from 2 Samuel 5 on the theme of 'God's People, God's Place, God's Rule'. It's an exciting passage and an exciting theme. I've recorded the message already for the DVD, but the aim is that I preach live this Sunday. Pray the technology works well, and especially that we hear God speaking to us through his word the Bible.

Please do plan to engage with the service, on Sunday morning if you can.

2. How to Engage with the Service

The services are now streaming on YouTube. Go to [Cornerstone Baptist Church Leeds - YouTube](#)

The stream starts with Zoom into Church with Hannah and Gideon which is at 10.00 am. Our online service will follow at 10.30 am.

You can also engage via our website: go to <http://www.cbcl.org.uk/onlineservice>

3. Zoom After Party

We will meet on Zoom for sharing and prayer after the service at 11.40. Once again, please do join us if you can.

4. Bedtime Stories

Bedtime Stories continues on Zoom every Sunday for tots under 5 and KS1 children from 6.45pm - 7pm. The Zoom session will also be open slightly earlier from 6.30pm for any families who would like to chat together beforehand. Please contact Kate B for the Zoom details and to join the Bedtime Stories WhatsApp group: tots@cbcl.org.uk

5. Tots Online

After a really successful trial last week we are happy to announce that Kate Burkett and Spike will be continuing Tots Online on Zoom for the next few Wednesdays at 10am until current Covid restrictions are lifted. Tots Online includes:

- Show and share - let us know what you've been up to
- Story-time - fun interactive Bible story
- Music - sing, wiggle and shake
- Sunshine Bag – delivered to your home
- WhatsApp group - with Zoom link and craft ideas

Please click on the link below to register and to find out more information.

<http://www.cbcl.org.uk/totsonline>

Please pray for this new initiative. Do feel free to pass the above link on to any families within our Gatherings, or in our wider local communities, who you feel may benefit from connecting up with CBCL and with other families in this way.

6. Prayer

We continue to support the prayer for our nation initiative from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, and will be doing so throughout February. We are sharing a prayer on our website (<http://www.cbcl.org.uk/news>) and Facebook page at 6.00 pm every day. As well as featuring prayers from different organisations and partners, there will be homegrown prayers from Cornerstone too. It's been great to see different contributions coming in. Please send any videos or written prayers to prayer@cbcl.org.uk

7. 21 Days of Prayer for 2021

In March we will have our own Cornerstone prayer initiative: 21 days of prayer for 2021. This will be launched on Sunday 7 March, start on Monday 8 March and finish on Palm Sunday which is 28 March. More detail will be forthcoming in next week's pastoral update, but we will seek to build on previous prayer initiatives and seek God's leading and blessing as we move (hopefully) beyond lockdown as a church. As part of this...

8. Upper (Zoom) Room

From 7:30pm on Sunday 7th March, we will be hosting an online hour of praise and prayer for the whole church.

The gathering will take place in the church Zoom room and include live sung worship from Ed and Sophie Borrett, plus opportunities to pray and prepare ourselves for 21 days in prayer for 2021.

Please join us as we draw deeper in to God's presence and pray more freely! For more details contact Nathan on nathan.shiple@cbcl.org.uk

Thank you for your commitment to all we're doing as a church.

This comes with warm best wishes, and prayers,

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