



## **Pastoral Update 26.03.2021**

Welcome to this week's pastoral update as we prepare for Holy Week. Let's celebrate together and pray for God to work in our church, our nation, and our world.

### **1. Cragg Prayer Space**

On this Palm Sunday weekend we also come to the culmination of our 21 Days of Prayer for 2021 initiative.

**As previously announced, on Saturday (27 March) there will be a Cornerstone Prayer Space @Cragg Hill, from 10 am - 4.00 pm.** This is a 6 Hour space for private prayer. Hannah Childs has set up prayer stations and a team of stewards will be in place to keep the event Covid secure. A maximum of two households or bubbles can be in the space at a time with an upper limit of 9 people in total. The time will be divided into 30-minute slots.

Booking is essential and is through this link. But there are still slots available and we encourage you to take the opportunity to come to what is our first in person event since the third national

lockdown. <https://spb.churchsuite.co.uk/events/amdcalre>

If you're there in the morning I'll see you myself. Once again, there are still slots available. Don't be afraid to book on.

### **2. Zoom Sunday Service**

A reminder that we're meeting together on Zoom this Sunday, the first time we have tried this for a Sunday service. **Zoom into Church will be live rather than pre-recorded, with Gideon and Hannah 'on air' from 10.00 am.**

**The service will begin at 10.30 am, with a special Palm Sunday call to worship** (if you have something to wave, a Palm Cross or Kate Burkett's Palm Sunday craft, I encourage you to have it with you. Something green to

wave would work well too). I will lead and give a short message, and then, integrated into the service, Jill and Colin Jones will lead communion. Please have bread and wine / grape juice available. There will be plenty of opportunity for prayer, both altogether and in breakout rooms.

Please note that the service itself will be more adult focused, with Zoom into Church being more children / family focused. I say this to give families the opportunity to plan how they are going to engage with the morning. I look forward to seeing many of you at 10.00 am for Zoom into Church, and many more at 10.30 am for the service.

### **3. How to Engage with the Service**

The Zoom details are

There will be no YouTube stream this Sunday.

### **4. Online / DVD Service**

There will still be a DVD / online service, although this won't be released on our website until midday. I am leading and speaking, Paul Scholey is leading sung worship, Kate Burkett is giving the all-age talk, Liz Chennels is reading God's word. The passage is John 12.12-19. For those engaging online and via DVD, there is encouragement to pause at various points and to spend time in personal prayer.

You can engage via our website at any time during the week: go to <http://www.cbcl.org.uk/onlineservice>

### **5. Bedtime Stories**

Bedtime Stories continues this Sunday for tots under 5 and KS1 children from 6.45 – 7.00 pm. The Zoom session is open earlier from 6.30 pm for any families who would like to chat together beforehand. Please contact Kate Burkett for the Zoom details and to join the Bedtime Stories WhatsApp group: [tots@cbcl.org.uk](mailto:tots@cbcl.org.uk)

This Sunday (28<sup>th</sup>) will be the last Bedtime Stories before the Easter holidays, resuming again on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

### **6. Tots Online**

Tots Online is once again on Wednesday at 10.00 am. Please click on the link below to register and to find out more information, and please continue to pray.

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

This will be the last Tots Online before the Easter holidays. It will resume again on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April.

## 7. Holy Week

### 7.1 Good Friday Service 2 April

**This will be on YouTube at 4.00 pm on Friday 2 April.** It will also be available on our website. I am leading and offering a short reflection. Matthew and Sarah Newman are leading sung worship and there will be a choir item from the Cornerstone choir, led by Colin Jones. There are readings from different members of our site leadership teams. This is always a special service and I encourage you to join with us on YouTube if you can.

Go to [Cornerstone Baptist Church Leeds - YouTube](#)

The stream starts will start just before 4.00 pm.

You can also engage via our website at any time after 4.00 pm on Friday. Go to <http://www.cbcl.org.uk/onlineservice>

### 7.2 Easter Sunday in Person Service 10.30 a.m. 4 April at Headingley

Come and celebrate Jesus' amazing sacrifice of love for each one of us and make an Easter garden to take home! This fun Covid-secure all age service will last approximately 45 minutes. Kate Burkett and I will be leading.

Attendees aged 12 and over will be required to wear masks throughout the service unless exempt and all attendees must observe social distancing guidelines and to hand-sanitize on entry and exit. Each family/support bubble will be allocated their own table.

There are still tables free so please use form below to reserve your place.

<https://spb.churchsuite.co.uk/events/1kknpez4>

If you book a place but then are then no longer able to attend, please use the cancel booking link on your confirmation email, or email [info@cbcl.org.uk](mailto:info@cbcl.org.uk) so we can allocate your place to others.

The deadline to book on to this service is Wednesday 31st March (Kate will be setting up for the service on Thursday).

### 7.3 Easter Sunday in Person Service, 10.30 a.m. at Cragg

Open Air Easter Morning Service 10.30am. A service to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. The first day of the new creation, the promise of eternal life and validation of Jesus as the Son of God. Duncan Stow will be leading.

Please click on the link and fill in the form below to reserve your place.

<https://spb.churchsuite.co.uk/events/3akdevex>

If you are successful in getting a place but are then no longer able to attend, please use the cancel booking link on your confirmation email, or email [info@cbcl.org.uk](mailto:info@cbcl.org.uk) so we can allocate your place to others.

#### **7.4 Easter Sunday Online Service**

I am speaking and Caroline Heward is leading. More details will be available in next week's pastoral update.

#### **8. Survey: The Future**

Thank you to all who completed the survey about our services post-Easter. We are working on a detailed breakdown of the results. Just to say at this stage that, as a result of prayer and reflection as well as the results of the survey, we will be looking at reintroducing some in person services at Cragg and Headingley after Easter, whilst continuing with our online ministry. As previously, the principles of impact, creativity and sustainability continue to guide us.

#### **9. Church Meeting**

We had a very positive church meeting on Thursday (25 March). So as not to overload this pastoral letter, details of decisions taken will be shared in a forthcoming update.

**This comes with warm best wishes, and prayers for a happy Easter,**

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