



Pastoral Update 12.02.2021

Dear friends,

Welcome to this week's pastoral update.

1. This Sunday...

a. Online Service this Sunday

Duncan Stow (Cragg) is leading; Paul Scholey (Cragg) is leading sung worship; Becky Ashworth (Headingley) is leading prayers; the all age talk and reading are combined and will be a Zoom retelling of 1 Samuel 16:1-13 by some members from the Youth Small Group. Caroline Heward (Connect@Copperbeech) is speaking on 1 Samuel 16 under the heading 'Open Heart Surgery'. I love this passage and am really looking forward to hearing Caroline on it. We tend to look at someone's outward appearance, but God sees the 'heart'. What are our hearts like before God?

b. Engaging with the Service

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

The stream will start with Zoom Into Church at 10.00 am, followed by our online service at 10:30 am. You can still comment if you have a Google email account and we really encourage this.

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

c. Zoom Communion

The Zoom Room after-party will begin soon after 11.30 pm. The details are <https://zoom.us/j/9947430435>

The password remains

This Sunday we'll have Zoom Communion, with the whole church staying together for this. I will lead. It's Valentine's Day and we'll focus on the

amazing love of God for us whatever our situation in life. You will need bread and wine / grape juice in your home. Please do join us as we share together.

d. Bedtime Stories

Bedtime Stories continues on Zoom and will be there again this Sunday 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. Although the Bible story will be aimed primarily at CBCL tots aged under 5 across our Gatherings, Key Stage 1 children are welcome to join. Please contact Kate B for the Zoom details and to join the Bedtime Stories WhatsApp group: kate.burkett@cbcl.org.uk

2. Prayer for the Nation

We're joining with the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and others to pray for our nation in response to the pandemic. To help us remain faithful in prayer, we are sharing a prayer on our website (<http://www.cbcl.org.uk/news>) and Facebook page at 6 pm every day. As well as featuring prayers from different organisations and partners, there will be homegrown prayers from Cornerstone too. I've enjoyed recording mine this week. Please feel free to send contributions to prayer@cbcl.org.uk

3. Volunteers Needed

Both Children's (Year 5+) and Youth Small Groups (Year 9+) are in need of new adult volunteers. The groups meet on Wednesday and Tuesday evenings respectively and currently take place on Zoom.

Youth Small Group has actually grown to the point of needing to form a new group to accommodate the number of young people. As a result, the new group might meet on an entirely different day.

Please prayerfully consider whether you are free and able to volunteer. To find out more information contact smallgroups@cbcl.org.uk

4. Podcasts

We're beginning a new series on Galatians. I've been struck repeatedly by the radical nature of the gospel as I've engaged with this letter which is so foundational for the Christian faith. As Paul says, 'it is for freedom that Christ has set us free'. I've found reading and re-reading this letter so refreshing. Thank you to all who are engaging with the podcasts and for all the feedback. There are a number of ways to listen:

[Discipleship In Challenging Times on Apple Podcasts](#)
[Cornerstone Baptist Church Leeds : Podcast](#)

5. Advance Notice of Two new Initiatives

a. Tots Online

Kate Burkett and Spike will be trialling a fun 30-minute baby and toddler group on Zoom on Wednesday 24th February, 10am - 10.30am. Tots Online will include:

- 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:

<https://spb.churchsuite.co.uk/events/yp0fppq7>

b. Upper (Zoom) Room

On Sunday 7th March, we will be hosting an online evening of praise and prayer for the whole church.

Nathan Shipley is pulling things together and Ed and Sophie Borrett will be leading sung worship. The purpose will be to draw deeper in to God's presence and pray more freely.

Please save the date and keep an eye on future Pastoral Updates for further details.

May you know God's grace, peace and strength in your life this weekend and for the week ahead.

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