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## **Pastoral Update 18.02.2021**

**Dear friends,**

**Welcome to this week's pastoral update. Please use the update not only for information but also for prayer.**

### **1. Online Service this Sunday**

This Sunday's service will be led by Hannah Childs and Gideon Fairhall, in a 'Zoom into Church' takeover. They will do this live, with other pre-recorded elements slotted in. This is the first time we'll have attempted a service led live on Sunday morning. Matthew and Sarah Newman are leading sung worship, there will be a Hannah and Gideon 'challenge' as part of the service, the Bible reading will take the form of a story told by children from across the church, and, all being well, Chris Makufa will be leading prayers (from Swaziland). Mark Roques will be preaching from 1 Samuel 17 and the story of David and Goliath. I've been personally challenged and encouraged by Mark's ministry over the past eight months, both online and in person at a service at Cragg last year. I'm really looking forward to hearing him again, and finding out what God wants to say through him.

Please note these details are correct as to the live stream. For the pre-recorded version for the DVDs Hannah will record the links on her own.

Please do plan to engage with the service, on Sunday morning if you can. And please pray both for Hannah and Gideon and also the 'back office' team of Nathan and Adrian Howe, together with Tim Hobbs who continues to edit the services together.

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

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

There is no separate Zoom into Church this Sunday, given that Hannah and Gideon are leading the service. The stream will start with Nathan introducing

things from the Broom Cupboard at 10:15 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**

It was great to share Communion as a whole church last Sunday. This Sunday we will split into smaller breakout rooms to give more opportunity to share and pray. For Connect and Cragg numbers of those attending are usually such that breakout rooms won't be needed. But with the number of people on Zoom from Headingley sometimes having breakout rooms seems like a good move.

The Zoom Room after-party will begin about 11.40 pm. The details are, as usual, <https://zoom.us/j/9947430435>

The password remains

### 4. **Bedtime Stories**

Bedtime Stories continues on Zoom every Sunday for tots under 5 and KS1 children from 6.45 pm - 7.00 pm. 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: [kate.burkett@cbcl.org.uk](mailto:kate.burkett@cbcl.org.uk)

It's great to hear this is going really well. Please don't hesitate to contact Kate if you think this might be something you could join with, and do share what is happening with any families you know for whom you believe it might be relevant. And please do pray.

### 5. **Prayer**

Throughout February we're supporting the prayer for our nation initiative from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York. 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. It's been great to see different contributions coming in. Please send any videos or written prayers to [prayer@cbcl.org.uk](mailto:prayer@cbcl.org.uk)

The prayer posted for Wednesday was as follows:

*Gracious God, as we remember before you the thousands who have died, surround us and all who mourn with your strong compassion. Be gentle with*

*us in our grief, protect us from despair, and give us grace to persevere and face the future with hope in Jesus Christ our risen Lord.*

It's a prayer which can be said by all who are struggling with lockdown #3 and all that goes with it. It is also a prayer of great hope, hope that is sure and certain because it is focused on our risen Lord. With this hope in our hearts we can indeed have grace to persevere.

## **6. Tots Online**

Kate Burkett and Spike will be trialling a fun 30-minute baby and toddler group this 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. Kate encourages you to register as soon as possible so you can receive your Sunshine Bag (which includes everything your tot needs to participate) before Wednesday's session:

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

## **7. One down, more to go!**

We are delighted that one volunteer has come forward to help with Youth Small Group, however we are still in need of a few more. Please continue to prayerfully consider if you could volunteer at Children's (Year 5+) or Youth (Year 9+) Small Groups.

To find out more information contact [smallgroups@cbcl.org.uk](mailto:smallgroups@cbcl.org.uk)

## **8. Upper (Zoom) Room**

A reminder to save the date, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March in the evening. There will be an online evening of praise and prayer for the whole church. The purpose will be to draw deeper in to God's presence and pray more freely.

## **9. News from across the church**

Over the next few weeks we'll feature news from each of our three sites in turn, for information and prayer. This week it's Headingley...

### **10. Headingley Site Meeting**

Those who especially identify with one of the Headingley Gatherings will be receiving a separate invitation to this. There is a 'site meeting' (similar to the old community meetings) on Tuesday at 7.30 pm. The agenda is:

- ***Election to LT: Joe Walsh and Liz Mitchell***
- ***Update on Rooted***
- ***Transforming Lives for Good (TLG)***
- ***Headingley Vision for the next five years (discussion)***

Chis Dyson will be leading our devotions. Scott Halligan will speak to the TLG item, with some exciting developments potentially in the offing. I'll lead the meeting through and there'll be plenty of opportunities for questions and discussion. We'll keep things pretty informal and relaxed, and include time for prayer too. Please pray for the meeting, especially for Joe and Liz as they offer themselves for leadership.

Please come to the meeting if it's relevant to you, and please do remember us in prayer.

**This comes with warm best wishes, and prayers,**

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