



Pastoral Update 19.03.2021

Welcome to this week's pastoral update.

1. Online Service

Nathan Shipley is leading live from the broom cupboard; Matthew and Sarah Newman are leading sung worship; Heather McLeen is giving the all-age talk; Sam and Katie Knight are leading in prayer and reading God's word, all the way from Chad. Jill Jones, one of our elders, is preaching. This is the second of our mini-series on the Lord's Prayer (the reading is Matthew 6.5-14). I'm really looking forward to what Jill has to say as she opens up God's word to us.

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 Zoom into Church, with the service itself beginning at 10.30 am.

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

4. Zoom After Party

We will meet on Zoom for sharing and prayer after the service at 11.40. We reach the third week of our 21 days of prayer. We'll split into site specific rooms, and certainly with Headingley we'll use breakout rooms for at least some of the time for prayer.

5. Bedtime Stories

Bedtime Stories continues this Sunday for tots under 5 and KS1 children from 6.45 pm – 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

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>

7. 21 Days of Prayer in 2021

As already noted, we enter our final week. The third and final prayer diary will be sent out later today. Please do use it to shape your prayers.

There will be three whole church opportunities to pray this week, two online and one in-person. These are in addition to different prayer events that may be linked to one of our sites. The new opportunities are:

- **Monday 22 March 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm.** A meeting for prayer hosted by Barbara Crosse. To join, you will need the following details:

- **Wednesday 24 March 8.00-9.00 pm.** A meeting for prayer hosted by Tim and Hazel Rowe. To join, use the following details:

- Saturday 27 March

There will be a Cornerstone Prayer Space @Cragg Hill on Saturday 27 March, from 10 am - 4.00 pm. This is a 6 Hour space for private prayer. Hannah Childs is working on prayer stations and a team of stewards will be in place. 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:

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

With something like this, sometimes people are hesitant to book on, because they think they'll take someone's place. I encourage you to ignore

such thoughts and seize the opportunity to come to the Cragg building and pray!

Details for booking on for the Easter in person services will be available next week.

8. Next Sunday (28 March)

28 March is Palm Sunday and, as previously announced, the main online service will take the form of a Zoom Prayer time at 10.30 a.m.. Details will be announced next week. There will also be a recorded service for those who engage via DVD.

9. Church Members Meeting

This coming Thursday we have a Whole Church Members' meeting at 7.30 pm. Members should already have received information about this from our church secretary, Greg McLeen. I do encourage you to attend this important meeting.

10. Furniture Wanted!

I wouldn't normally include a notice like this in the pastoral update, but we need a fridge freezer and (less urgently) a washing machine for someone who has moved into a three-room apartment. Please email info@cbcl.org.uk if you are able to help.

Please do pray for all our asylum seekers, and others whose status in the UK is uncertain.

11. Podcast Goodbye!

The final podcast is actually broadcast tomorrow (Saturday) rather than today: I lost track of the days! Thanks to all who have listened and for all the kind comments. These will continue to be available online, although there won't be any new episodes from Saturday.

[Discipleship In Challenging Times | Podcast on Spotify](#)

[Discipleship In Challenging Times on Apple Podcasts](#)

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12. Survey: The Future

Thank you for all who have already completed the survey about our services post-Easter. A reminder that, as we follow the Government's roadmap out of lockdown, we are continuing to prayerfully discuss and make decisions around services and activities - both in person and online.

If you have not already done so, please complete the following short survey (it should only take 3 minutes) by Sunday 21st March (i.e. this Sunday):

As strange as this sounds, we ask you to be selfish with your answers - a better knowledge of what people will engage with will be incredibly helpful for our discernment process.

Please e-mail info@cbcl.org.uk if you have any questions about the survey or would like to give fuller answers.

Please note, those who do not engage online have had a paper copy of the survey sent to them.

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

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