



## **Pastoral Update 30.04.2021**

**Welcome to this week's pastoral update. This one contains details of services, news from our tots ministry, and also an update from Thursday's special church meeting.**

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

As was shared previously, Headingley are meeting in person on Sunday (2 May) at 10.30 am and this will be live streamed as the online service. Please pray for the technical rehearsal which is taking place this evening (Friday).

Chris Dyson is leading the service, Matthew Newman and team are leading sung worship, Nathan Shipley is leading an all-age talk, Sue Ricketts is leading prayers, Meenakshi Rao is reading God's word, and I am speaking on the second passage in our Revelation series, Revelation 1.9-20. The picture of Jesus which emerges from this powerful passage is encouraging and challenging in equal measure. We worship the crucified, risen Lord, who calls us to follow him.

### **2. To engage with the service online...**

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

We start with Zoom into Church with Gideon and Hannah at 10.00 am. The service itself, as already noted, begins 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> and you can catch up on any services you've missed through YouTube as well.

### **3. Zoom After Party**

The Church Zoom Room will be open for those who want to chat and pray after the services. One of the elders will be present to welcome people, and there's the opportunity to split into site specific breakout rooms if people want this.

### **4. Connect@CopperBeech this Sunday**

There is church on the move this Sunday morning, with opportunities to walk and share with children's activities based at the hub run by Hannah and Sophie. Please be praying...

### **5. Tots Online**

Following a successful, fun-packed series of eight sessions, Tots Online on Wednesdays is now being replaced by Tots Picnics to enable some in-person meet-ups.

### **6. First Tots Picnic - Next Wednesday**

As restrictions are now slowly easing, Kate Burkett is providing some opportunities for tots and their parents/carers to meet up for Covid-secure picnics over the next few weeks. The first of these will take place next Wednesday, 5th May at our Headingley site at 11 am - 12.15 pm. As we have both outdoor and indoor space available, families can meet whatever the weather! For more information and to book your place for the first picnic, please click on this link:

<https://spb.churchsuite.co.uk/events/sxx4zw3h>

### **7. Bedtime Stories**

Bedtime Stories is on as usual 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](mailto:tots@cbcl.org.uk)

### **8. News from the Church Meeting**

It was great to have another really well-attended and positive church meeting.

**Constitution** - The Meeting approved our move to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), and our new constitution. There are a

number of advantages to us becoming a CIO and many churches of our size and type are making this change.

**Interim Associate Pastor for Cragg** - Duncan Stow was voted in, unanimously, as Interim Associate Pastor for Cragg. This will be for six months, two and a half days a week, and will be a paid post. Duncan will continue to develop the work at Cragg, for example by moving forward the physical reopening of the site, engaging in pastoral care and continuing to develop mission opportunities. He will attend weekly Ministry Team Meetings and be very much part of the Ministry Team.

It's important to emphasise that this is an interim post. Duncan is deeply committed to Cragg but believes his heart calling is to wider ministry and mission in Horsforth. We are actively reflecting on Ministry for Cragg and for the rest of the church in the longer term.

**Hannah** - Hannah Childs will be moving into the empty manse on a temporary basis while she waits for a flat to become available in the Salvation Army Housing Association complex.

## **9. Staff News: Cleaners**

Following interviews conducted by Kate Churchill and Kevin Praties earlier this week, we're delighted to announce, subject to the usual references etc, we have appointed two people to be cleaners at Headingley and Glenda Burras will be covering Charlotte Charlton's cleaning post at Cragg whilst Charlotte is on maternity leave.

These are all great appointments for us, and crucial as we continue to open up our sites not only on Sundays, but also, steadily and increasingly, day to day.

## **Finally...**

As we consider a further passage from Revelation together this Sunday, it's so encouraging to catch a vision of Jesus as he really is which sustains us for living in difficult times. I pray that whatever the challenges for you at the moment, this vision will enable you to remain both faithful and fruitful, for God has called us 'for such a time as this'.

**Warm best wishes, and prayers,**

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