

Changes to Church Online

Dear friends,

Obviously, we had all hoped that the start of 2021 would be very different, but sadly we find ourselves in another lockdown in the UK. However, I still want to wish you a very Happy New Year as I really do believe things are going to improve in the coming months.

Meanwhile, I hope you are coping well and knowing God's grace in every situation. If you are finding things particularly tough, please don't suffer on your own – please reach out to others in your LifeGroup, or drop us a line in the church office. There are those who would love to pray with you and support you at this time. And let's ensure we are looking out for one another too – taking the initiative to reach out, to call, to pray and to be there for one another.

Unfortunately, the new strain of Covid-19 and the lockdown has forced us to change our plans for church online. We had hoped to move to a live-streaming format from this weekend, but with the law now being to stay at home if you can, we don't feel it's the right time to begin gathering people together for live-streaming. Whilst we could do it legally, we don't feel that it's caring for people well to expect our worship, technical and leadership teams to put themselves at risk in this way. (Just because we “can” doesn't mean we “should”). We are very grateful to David Ash and others who have worked on our pre-recorded content over the last 10 months. With David shortly to go on paternity leave, we need to find another way of making church online work.

We still believe that live-streaming is the way to go and we have purchased the required equipment to do that. Once the general risk level is less, and QUAD becomes available again, we plan to move to live-streaming as soon as we can. However, in the meantime, and probably at least for the next couple of months, we are going to have church on Sunday mornings on Zoom.

For people who are part of Jubilee, we will be sending out a Zoom link so that you can be part of the meeting. Please do come with your camera on and ready to participate. There will be opportunity to pray, to bring spiritual gifts and to be spontaneous once again! We will also be streaming the meeting onto our Church Online platform so that anyone looking in still has opportunity to see what we are about and to hear the good news of the Gospel. However, for people who call Jubilee home (members of the church and others we know), the encouragement is to join on Zoom.

I expect it will take us a few weeks to get used to the changes, however, I am excited about what this change could bring in terms of encouraging community and the use of spiritual gifts to encourage one another in the meeting.

We'll send some more details including log in information in the coming days.

I look forward to seeing you on Zoom on Sunday!

With much love,

Graham



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