



Hi, everybody. I do hope you're well and are having a good week. I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know what our plans are for Jubilee over the next few weeks and months in terms of us gathering together on a Sunday.

No doubt, you would have heard Boris Johnson and other government ministers talking about the ending of legal restrictions over the coming weeks and I'm sure you've got questions as to what we'll be doing as a church. So, I'm hoping that this video will answer some of those questions for you.

### **What's on in July?**

So, for the remainder of July, we're going to be meeting on a Sunday at Ridgeway Infant School in Littleover continuing with our Jubilee Outdoors meetings.

We've had a great time with those recently. One or two challenging weeks with the weather but it's been great to be able to meet together and to worship and see one another again and if you've been part of those Sundays, I'm sure you would agree, it's been a great time to be together. So, that'll be for the rest of July.

### **What's on in August?**

Then, in August, we've got some different things planned. So, on Sunday, the 1st and the 15th of August, again, we'll still be at Ridgeway doing Jubilee Outdoors. On the 15th, we're planning a family service and so these two Sundays the 1st and the 15th of August will be much like we've done other Sundays at Ridgeway recently.

In terms of the 8th and the 22nd of August, these will be a walk followed by a picnic and we'll let you know that where the walk's will be and where the picnic is so if you just want to join us for that, you are able to do so.

So we won't be gathering for worship on those Sundays but it does give us an opportunity to spend time with one another and to reconnect with people we may not have seen for a little while over those two Sundays on the 8th and the 22nd.

On the 29th of August, it's the Devoted Online weekend. So the Friday, Saturday, and Sunday that weekend there'll be material that will be going out from Devoted and on the Sunday morning, we'll be taking the Sunday morning program in place of our normal Sunday morning meeting. So that'll be online only and I do hope you'll be able to join us for that. To find out more about Devoted Online visit:

[devotedevent.org/2021](https://devotedevent.org/2021)

### **When are we back at QUAD?**

Then excitedly, I can let you know from **Sunday 5th of September**, we're going to be gathering once again back at QUAD in Derby City Centre. I had a great meeting with some of the team at QUAD just this week looking at what our plans are, what we can do and they're very much looking forward to having us back in the building and we're very much looking forward to being there. So, from the beginning of September, the headline news is we're back at QUAD.

Now, it might be there be some changes to some things we do and whilst the legal restrictions on meeting together are going to be coming to an end over the next few weeks. It may well be that there's still some guidance for churches and other places of worship. So, we're waiting to hear what that will be so we can incorporate that into what our plans are.

However, we're back at QUAD from September. And it maybe that you've got some questions about some of the things I've said and so I just want to take a few moments to answer what I think might be some common questions that would come up.

### **Why are we not going back to QUAD straightaway?**

So you might be saying, "well, why are we not going back to quad straight away? Why are we waiting until September?" Well, firstly, this gives us some time to plan. Like I said, there might be some new guidance coming out. It gives us some time to understand that and to be able to plan accordingly. We may well need some new teams and there'll be some new recruitment needed for different teams and again, we'll be doing that over the next few weeks.

Meeting together differently over the summer also gives us an opportunity to focus on some different things. Whilst it's been great to gather together online and more recently, outdoors for worship and teaching. One of the things we've really missed is community and being together, being with one another, sharing life together in a way that we love to do. Having a couple of Sundays over August where our focus actually isn't worship and teaching but our focus is being with one another, reconnecting once again, and just spending time with one another gives us a great opportunity to invest in those relationships that we haven't had the opportunity to do over recent months.

### **What will it look like when we get back to QUAD?**

So, in terms of when we get back to QUAD in September, it might be that some things look different. It might be that we're using some different rooms and perhaps groups that you've been used to happening in one room may happen in a different room now. So, things may look different and then, it may be, we're still required to book in. It may, we're not required to book in. Some of those things are not yet clear. So, please bare with us over the next few weeks as we plan and we read appropriate guidance and talk to the team at QUAD and work out how we're going to make things work.

### **Will services still be live-streamed?**

We will continue live-streaming our meetings even once we're back in QUAD. So, if you don't feel able to join us on a Sunday just yet, don't worry, you'll still be able to connect online each Sunday and keep in touch with what's going on.

### **The importance of being gracious to one another at this time...**

One thing we've said right the way through this coronavirus pandemic is the importance of having grace for one another. Right the way through, there's always been people that have thought either we or the government are doing things too fast or too slowly or too much or too little and it's important that even in this stage as the country begins to unlock and restrictions are relaxed.

Friends, we still need grace for one another. I'm very aware that as we return to meeting in QUAD in September, there'll be many of you that are thrilled, delighted we're back in a room. Some of you will be thinking, I wish we'd done it earlier but many of you will be delighted that we once again be able to back be back at QUAD. But I do know there'll be some of you as well that will be nervous about this move. Questioning this change, asking whether it's really the right thing to do and I understand that and I understand those questions. So, wherever you are on that whole spectrum, it's important we have grace for another that we understand one another's position and maybe their concerns and that we're prepared to have grace for that and maybe even to prefer one another. There might be that we do some things in the Autumn that you might think well we don't have to do that but it might be a wise thing to do that and it helps to prefer one another and love one another.

### **Loving One Another**

We've always said it's important to be loving one another as a church. That's one of our top values, isn't it? After loving God it's loving one another. In this season, as life begins to unlock and we begin to reconnect and regather as a church. Let's make sure we're loving one another and we're having much grace for one another even if somebody else's opinion or expectation is different to our own.

Thank you for being with us on this journey over these last coming up to 16 or 18 months or so. I'm so glad that you've been with us. I'm so glad that God has been faithful to us. I'm thrilled about the new people God's added to us. I'm really excited this is the future.

We feel as elders that God's been speaking to us really clearly over these last few weeks about what the future looks like for us as a church and some important things to put in place and I can't wait to share some of these things with you in the autumn.

So thanks for watching this. Thank you for being with us. Thank you for remaining faithful and loving God through it all and I look forward to seeing you very soon. God bless you!

Graham Pyman

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**So here are the dates for your diary:**

**01 August – Jubilee Outdoors** – Booking at: [jubilee.org.uk/events](http://jubilee.org.uk/events)

**08 August – Walk & Picnic** – Details at: [jubilee.org.uk/events](http://jubilee.org.uk/events)

**15 August – Jubilee Outdoors** – Booking at: [jubilee.org.uk/events](http://jubilee.org.uk/events)

**22 August – Walk & Picnic** – Details at: [jubilee.org.uk/events](http://jubilee.org.uk/events)

**27-29 August – Devoted 2021** – Online Only – Details at: [devotedevent.org/2021](http://devotedevent.org/2021)

**05 September – Jubilee @ QUAD** – Details at: [jubilee.org.uk/events](http://jubilee.org.uk/events)