

Hi everyone,

Greetings from the mothership! I hope that you are doing OK and that you are beginning to develop a new rhythm to life as we walk together through these uncertain times. There is quite a bit to tell you so please take a few minutes to read & digest...

A note from James -Be still and say thank you...

As I have been reflecting on what is happening I have been struck over the last few days by a very familiar verse: 'Be still and know that I am God' Psalm 46:10. As we embark on a journey with lots of unknowns it feels to me as if stillness will be important. Many will be as busy at work (some of us more than before) while for others will have time on their hands. Whichever camp we find ourselves in, inevitably we will do less activities as many social groups are paused. In this moment, we have a choice: do we try to fill it all with stuff (cleaning, gardening, watching boxsets, ...) or do we choose to embrace a different pace to life, taking time to slow down and 'BE STILL', taking time to 'know God', taking time to listen to him and listen (really listen) to each other?

In the last few days, Debs and I have been amazed at how much a 'thank you' means at the moment. Taking time to stop and talk to the shelf stacker at Tesco, the delivery driver or one of our front line care staff -and say thank you for what they're doing. Lets all be 'Thank You' people.

So, as the pattern of life has changed for the moment, let's be intentional about how we shape our lives and treat others. We are an amazing family of people and we will miss seeing each other, so let's keep in touch and encourage one another and those around us, that God's presence might be known.

## NOTICES

Not closed, but changing...

Here in 'HTH Live Hub' (a bunker under the former church office!) we are working hard to establish new routines and develop ideas that will help us all continue to worship together. We can't sort everything immediately so please bear with us.

We are excited to tell you that:

HTH Live launches this Sunday. If you go to our website, [www.hthmacc.com](http://www.hthmacc.com) you will find us there on Sunday morning. Click on the 'HTH Live' button on the front page and that will take you to our worship resources for Sunday morning. We invite you to explore the links for the different elements of our service and, just before 10:30am, click on the big picture of James to hear him speak to us live & explain more.

Our Church is open. From tomorrow the main worship space at church will be open from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm every day for individual prayer and reflection. There is plenty of space for people to come and use the space. We have prepared some prayer prompters to help us centre on God. We are taking careful precautions to make sure the church is kept clean and safe for everyone to use.

The HTH Live Hub is open. One of us will be in the office every day from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please keep in touch by phoning or emailing us at [hello@hthmacc.com](mailto:hello@hthmacc.com).

Helping each other to help each other

It has been great to see the willingness of people to help those around them. You may have given cards like these

...to your neighbours offering help. We have given out over 1000 of them at the school and on the Green in Hurdsville to allow our community to offer help to others.

[You can download them here to print your own](#) (& if you can't print them, we have some available in the Church office **Hub!**) -you will be amazed how much it can mean:

*'Thank you so much - that is the nicest thing anyone has ever done for me'  
- call from neighbour on receiving a 'here to help' card.*

We want to make sure that no one falls through the gap. Next week we are going to leaflet drop every house in the parish asking those in need who have not yet received any offers of help to contact the office, so that we can try to connect them with support. **We need your help to deliver those leaflets! if you can help then please email [hello@hthmacc.com](mailto:hello@hthmacc.com) and we will let you know what to do and when. Thank you.**

#### What's coming up

What have lots of ideas for the coming weeks which we are developing but here is a taster:

- Zooming home groups -info on our recommendations for home groups and how you can continue to gather without gathering
- phone buddies -let's get to know each other
- Melissa's box set recommendations
- big hair and beards -photo and caption competition
- ...and much more

Keep an eye on the HTH Live page on the website for more information...

#### You can help us to stay connected

We need your help to stay connected, so:

- if you know of anyone who is not receiving these emails then please ask them to contact the office so that we can connect them in.
- being on the Electoral Role is still important **[-if you are not on it but want to be then you'll find a form here.](#)** Print it, fill it in, photo it, send it back to us.
- tell us your stories so that we can share them on the HTH Live web page for our encouragement.
- Our regular prayer newsletter (or a version of it!) will be available on the HTH Live webpage
- Candle of HOPE -we are all invited to light a candle and place it in our front window on Sunday at 7:00 pm as we all join together to pray for the nation and the world in these uncertain times.

#### And finally (from James)

I am confident that, while we might not meet together physically, we can continue to be an amazing family of people. We can be a positive presence in our communities and make a real difference. Let's remember to:

- take time to be still
- say thank you and smile at those we pass by
- and most of all TRUST IN OUR GOD.

*So do not fear, for I am with you;  
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you and help you;  
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41.10*

Yours,

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