

Dear Church,

It was so encouraging to see all your messages and photos of your house church experience last Sunday! How wonderful that you prioritised the hearing of God's word and the speaking of truth in love to one another. It was particularly heart warming to hear that many of you could discuss the sermon more deeply and personally and that you also had time to pray for one another!

As things in our nation take a turn for the worse, I want to encourage you to go to God's word daily before you go to the news. It is important to keep up with the news but it will only create anxiety and panic. Only God's word can still our hearts and remind us that He is in control. We meditated on Psalm 46 as a family a few days ago and it was so uplifting! God is our refuge and strength who is ever with us whatever difficulties we face be it natural calamities or physical enemies. I would encourage you to meditate on Psalm 46 for your own spiritual uplifting!

In the light of our Government's latest measures announced yesterday (March 24), we will not be physically meeting as church on Sundays at least until the end of April. As a result please take note of the following:

1

Church services will be run entirely by the staff team for now and they will be completely online. We will pre-record the whole service and load it onto our website from Fri midnight to Sun midnight every week.

2

If you are able to meet in small groups of less than 10 people from your CG to watch the service and pray together while maintaining a 1m social distance that would be ideal. This will allow you to discuss the sermon and pray together. If meeting together is not possible, we would suggest you call or video conference (e.g. Zoom, Google Hangouts, Skype, FaceTime, WhatsApp etc.) a few CG mates after the service to share and pray.

3

CGs will continue. We have issued CGLs with some guidelines on how to proceed so as to comply with the latest Government regulations. The reality is that many CGs will probably meet online via video conferencing. That is still great and we would strongly encourage you to keep meeting - if even only online. We need to help one another to keep looking to Christ.

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The staff are brainstorming creative ways to make our online Good Friday and Easter Services as casual and outsider-friendly and evangelistic as possible. People at all times need the gospel...but more than ever they need to see now that Christ is their only real hope. We hope you will be able to watch or share these services with your non-Christian family and friends.

I do hope you are all keeping well both physically and in our Lord. Everything is in His hands. So let us keep looking to him.

If you need any help for anything at all, or would like to speak to someone, please contact us via our congregational reps:

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