

## COVID-19 UPDATE – TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Whilst the situation is changing on a daily basis, I'd like to give you all a clear direction on what we are intending to do for the next week. I'm hoping that all our regular attenders will pick up this information via our Facebook group (KEC Chat) or our new WhatsApp Group (Church Family). If you are aware of others who don't have access to internet or mobile phone, then please share with them where possible. If you find that you are not in either of the two online groups, then please let me know so we can sort that out.

### SUNDAYS

We will NOT be meeting in church together this coming Sunday. This is likely to continue for several weeks. However, we WILL be putting a service out online. This will involve some worship and a message from God's word. We are finalising the best way to do that but will share the details with you as soon as possible.

### MIDWEEK GROUPS & ACTIVITIES

House Group, Seedlings and Rooted are all being suspended for now. Again, we will be looking at ways to continue engaging with each other, encouraging and growing together during this time. We've not worked all this out yet, but will let you know as soon as we can.

### GIVING

While we may not be meeting together physically, we will still have various bills and expenditure to meet. As such, it would be helpful if you can continue to give your usual tithes and offerings. If you already use online banking, or have a banking app on your phone, this can be done relatively easily. Alternatively, there are other ways online giving can be done. We will send out a separate message shortly with details of how to give.

### COMMUNICATION

In the meantime, it is an essential part of being in God's family that we keep communicating with each other and stay connected. Please look out for those around you, especially those that are more vulnerable – not just because of their age or health, but because loneliness is perhaps the biggest enemy in these times of self-isolation. Although some of you might need to physically isolate yourselves, PLEASE DO NOT BECOME SOCIALLY ISOLATED. Stay in regular contact with others.

### PRAYER

I read this earlier today, from the Crosswalk website:

*While the coronavirus may impact our health, our economy, and our very way of life, we serve a God who is bigger and stronger than any sickness, fear, darkness, or weapon of the enemy, and He has a plan (Jeremiah 29:11). Our God is Healer (Psalms 30:2), Provider (Philippians 4:19), and King (Psalms 47:7).*

*So trust in the Lord, trust in His power, trust in His plan, and stand firm in His promises (Proverbs 3:5-6). Be the church and the light and love of Jesus Christ to a sick and frightened world. And when you too are afraid, never forget that "weeping may last for the night, but a shout of joy comes in the morning." (Psalms 30:5)*

So let us keep praying for our world, our nation, our community, our neighbours and our church. With hope. Without fear.

