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This has been a fluid week to say the least. We are continuing to monitor COVID-19 updates closely and the implications for our church and our broader community. Due to concerns about large public gatherings during this time, and in compliance with the newly-announced guidelines issued by the government, **we have decided to suspend all in-person gatherings at Bethany Christian Centre until further notice.** This includes all our Children's and Youth activities, CAMEO, Coffee Drop, the planned Family Breakfast on the 22nd, the Men's Breakfast on the 28th and the Easter Club.

We remain steadfast in our commitment to corporate worship and the work of the church to proclaim the gospel and be a source of encouragement and hope, especially in times of uncertainty. Hebrews 10:24-25 is clear about the importance of gathering together to "spur one another on toward love and good deeds."

As such, we will have online services starting this Sunday, 22 March, and will likely make additional adjustments moving forward. You can join us by following the link on our website (www.bethanychristiancentre.co.uk). We'll also post a link on our Facebook pages.

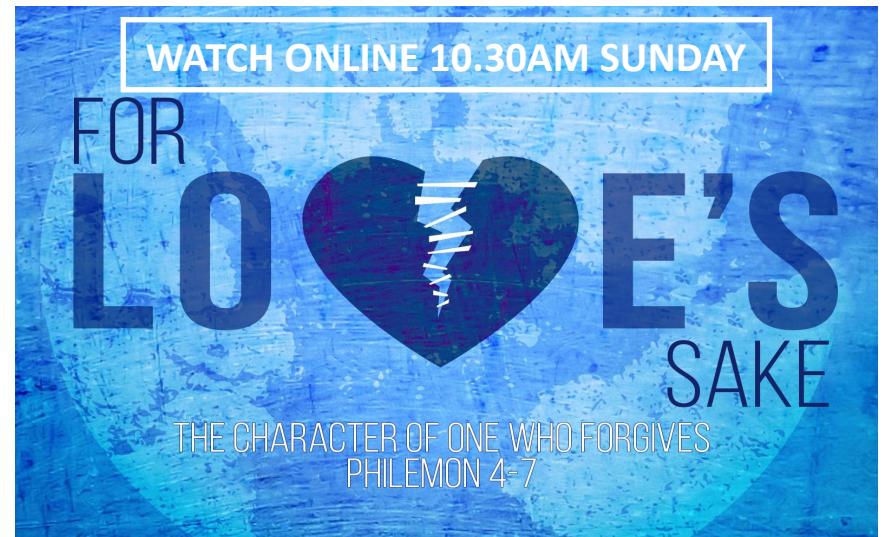
The service will include a time of worship, Jason will continue our 'For Loves Sake' series and lead us all in communion where ever we are. You might like to have your own bread and wine ready so you can join in.

The Church Office will remain open and our staff, and to some degree our Care Ministry team, is available to support you in your time of need, both with spiritual direction and practical support. You can call the church office at 0191 512 1234 or email us at office@bethanychristiancentre.co.uk.

We'll be using this time to catch up to carry out some maintenance work as well as deep cleaning and decluttering the building.

We would encourage everyone to sign up to receive our emails or make sure we have your correct email address which will allow us to keep you informed of the latest developments.

Going forward, we will evaluate the situation on a weekly basis and update you as needed. Remember that church is a body of people, not a place, so while programs are cancelled, we encourage you to stay engaged in church life. We are exploring a variety of ways to keep engaged with you, and will announce those over time.



SUNDAY - 22nd March 2020

- 10.30am On Line Service - Jason Mayhall
"The Character Of One Who Forgives" - Philemon 4-7
will also include Communion.

SUNDAY - 29th March 2020

- 10.30am On Line Service - Jason Mayhall
"The Character Of One Who Forgives" - Philemon 4-7
will also include Communion.

RE:MEMBER

As we have come to the conclusion of our Membership Series, you have the opportunity to either become a member of Bethany for the first time or renew and affirm your current membership. Please complete a **Membership Form** for new members; please complete a **Membership Renewal Form** if you are presently a member. Both forms are available for download on our website at www.bethanychristiancentre.co.uk.

Once your form has been returned into the Church Office, you will be contacted by an Elder to arrange a meeting. Our goal is to not only hear your personal story of faith, but to encourage you, pray with you, and express our gratefulness for your commitment to our fellowship.