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Dear friends,

It is a great sadness, that we cannot meet together on Sundays because our building is closed, but the work of the Kingdom continues and we are encouraged to see how so many of you are involved in serving the needy, caring for the vulnerable (both inside and outside the church), praying for the church and the world and faithfully seeking to live out the gospel in these difficult circumstances.

Our services have, of course, moved on-line and these continue to be well received and are being watched by many folks from within and outside our fellowship. Zoom gatherings after the service are also proving popular.

The weekly Wednesday morning prayer time has become established and it is always a joy to be able to gather in this way. Similarly, Small Groups have adapted with most now meeting weekly via Zoom. We know that these times of more intimate fellowship are appreciated by those who attend but there is always space for new people to join should you be interested. Please speak to Tim Byles if you would like to know more.

Meanwhile, Josh continues to offer events for both children and young people also via Zoom which many of our youngsters are accessing.

We have established a Hardship Fund, so if you find yourself in financial need or you are aware of a financial need within the church please do speak to Andy Potter, Neil Hudson or Alison Riches who are administering the Fund on behalf of the Trustees. If you find that you are struggling in other ways, do ring Charlie or Andy via the church office on 454921. Similarly, if you need practical help with shopping, collecting prescriptions, etc, do let us know and we will do our best to get you the help that you need.

Sadly we have had to furlough both Sue Norton and Helen Nicholls for the moment, but they remain on 100% pay. Emma Trim continues to provide administrative support to Andy, Charlie and Josh.

As Trustees we continue to meet monthly to think, reflect, pray and plan together and to work closely with the Diaconate in continuing to respond to the new situation we find ourselves in.

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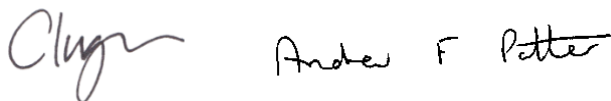


Looking ahead we obviously face a period of continued uncertainty. Although the government has signalled that there might be a possibility, from early July, for some churches to open their buildings, we do not envisage being able to safely gather for corporate worship at Bessels Green for many months yet and are planning on that basis.

As trustees, we consider that we have a good foundation in place to meet the challenges that we currently face and we will seek to adapt our current practices as circumstances change. This includes exploring ways in which might hold a church meeting. We do value the positive feedback we have received so far, but we also welcome suggestions and ideas as to how we can continue to faithfully serve God in our church life.

Thank you so much for your support, prayers and encouragement and for journeying with us this far. We do not know what the future holds but we are determined to continue to walk faithfully with God as a community, albeit a scattered one.

May God bless you all.

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature on the left is 'Charlie Ingram' and the second signature on the right is 'Andy Potter'. Both are written in a cursive, flowing style.

Charlie Ingram & Andy Potter
On behalf of the Trustees