



CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Dear Mosaic Church,

These are really uncertain times and there is much which is changing and causing fear. As the people of God we're called to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith. We have a God who is unshakable and in him we have a firm foundation. At this present time we have an opportunity to love the world around us in a way which demonstrates the steadfast love of God. Let's make the most of it.

Having met as leaders yesterday in response to Monday's update from the government, we have decided to change the way we connect as a church family, moving from in person gatherings to online meetings. Therefore, we will not be meeting at our Sunday gathering venues instead we will be broadcasting a single whole church service at 10.45am. We'd love you all to join in and watch as a household.

Our kids workers (Emily and Emma) will be producing resources for our children that will get sent out ahead of each Sunday.

We're doing this to join the country's effort to slow the spread of the disease being mindful of the pressure on NHS whilst at the same time recognising the importance of continuing to connect as church community in this time.

Whilst the events around us are serious, we do not need to live in fear. We continue to look to God and trust him in times of uncertainty.

If you have any comments or concerns, please contact your Gathering Leader.

This will affect the following:

SUNDAYS

From 22nd March we will be broadcasting a church wide service at 10.45am. There will be a clickable link to the broadcast which will be emailed and posted to social media nearer the time. We will not be meeting at any of our venues.

Please check Gathering specific social media and emails for further updates.

MISSION GROUPS

Mission Groups remain at the heart of church life, being communities of discipleship and mission is more important than ever.

The way we do this will have to change in the following ways:



Mission groups leaders are free to decide how their groups connect with one another depending on the circumstances of people in the group but we want to encourage digital connection rather than no connection.

Mike Vaux, whose mission group met online last night is writing a testimony to help imagine how Mission Group leaders can host such groups. This will be shared in due course.

We recommend increasing **communication** via text, WhatsApp and phone/video calls. Be looking for creative ways to **connect** with one another. We will need each other more than ever. If you are self-isolating please let someone in your mission group know, if you're not in a mission group, let the church know by emailing support@mosaic-church.org.uk.

Isolation will increase around us so as the church let's be praying for creative ways to **care** for friends, neighbours and colleagues – this could be the greatest opportunity we ever have to show love and proclaim the gospel. We'd encourage you to think about how mission could work in your community, some resources will be coming your way.

The following events sadly will not take place as scheduled, or will move online. More information will be sent out in due course about each event to the relevant group of people.

- Eldership appointment and GL and core team commissioning night
- Churchwide and local breakthrough nights
- Alpha at Central and South
- Youth on Thursday evenings
- Discipleship Track
- The Well meeting in May
- The Leaders Day in May

From The Elders and Gathering Leaders Teams