



# Rock Christian Centre

## A church for all nations

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## ROCK CHRISTIAN CENTRE

### CORONAVIRUS / COVID-19 STATEMENT

We are living in extraordinary times with the worldwide spread of the Coronavirus – Covid-19. On Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup> Pastor Jon preached a sermon on '[Coronavirus – A Biblical Response](#)'. If you haven't heard the sermon we encourage you to listen via our website sermons. Pastor Jon emphasised that our response should be 'Faith rather than Fear'; 'Security rather than Superstition'; that we should, 'Be Wise' and 'Be Infectious for Jesus'. We encourage you to continue to respond to the developing crisis in these Biblical ways.

Whilst we live by faith and trust in the Lord, the Bible teaches we should embrace wisdom. In the light of the recent government announcements and restrictions the church leadership has made the following decisions:-

#### **SUNDAY SERVICES; GROWTH GROUPS & OTHER GROUP ACTIVITIES**

Until further notice there will not be any Sunday services, children's and youth groups or mid-week growth groups including GEMS ladies; Men on the Rock; Rock of Ages Coffee Mornings etc.

#### **LIVE STREAMING – 10:30AM SUNDAYS**

We will live stream a service from Carlisle Street every Sunday starting at 10:30am. There will be a shorter time of worship from a small worship team; prayer; information and a sermon. We will live stream on the Rock Christian Centre Facebook page and also on the Rock Christian Centre YouTube channel. If you do not have Facebook you can access the live stream by searching for Rock Christian Centre on YouTube (see further instructions below).

#### **BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER – FRIDAYS 7:30-8:45PM**

75 CARLISLE STREET will be open for prayer at the time of our Breakthrough Prayer evenings. We ask anyone attending sits on their own at a distance from others attending. (Because we care deeply about the health and safety of our church family, we ask that no over 70s or people with underlying health conditions come to the building at this time).

#### **CHILDREN'S & YOUTH RESOURCES & INPUT**

Our children's, youth and families leaders are working to keep connected with the children and youth in our church family. They will be sharing and producing resources to help keep the children and young people connected to God and each other. These resources may be emailed to families through ChurchSuite or via Facebook or YouTube.

#### **CHURCH OFFICE & GIVING**

As far as possible we will keep the church office open for any emergencies or advice – 0114 3503232

As there will be no church services there will be no opportunity to give tithes in cash etc in the weekly offering. We encourage people to give if they are still able to through ChurchSuite or by standing order / bank transfer – the church account details are as follows:-

GENERAL FUND – Rock Christian Centre – Sort Code 56-00-09 Account No – 22102086

BUILDING FUND – Rock Christian Centre – Sort Code 56-00-09 Account No – 10393579

## **BURNGREAVE FOODBANK**

We want to keep the Foodbank open to help meet the needs of the increasing number of people who will be experiencing food poverty. We have adapted to giving out parcels at the door to minimise risk of infection. We have lost around 60% of our volunteers as they are over 70 or have underlying health problems. We urgently need more volunteers to keep the Foodbank open. If you could offer help particularly around 2-4pm Mon / Weds / Fri please phone Foodbank on 07542888671

## **THE LIGHTHOUSE MINISTRY**

We have had to temporarily close the Lighthouse ministry to the homeless and addicts due to most volunteers being in the vulnerable categories or self-isolating due to illness. We hope that we might be able to reopen soon and provide a limited service of handing out food at the door. Again we need younger, healthy volunteers if we are to reopen the Lighthouse. If you could help on Friday mornings 9am-12noon. – email or phone the church office 0114 3503232

## **KEEPING THE CHURCH FAMILY CONNECTED**

During these extraordinary weeks whilst we cannot meet together as a church family, we want to do all we can to encourage each other to keep connected to God and to one another. The Sunday sermons will be focussed on this aim as will other resources we make available.

We encourage you to make the most of the opportunities that this crisis presents, to grow in our faith in the Lord and to deepen our relationships with one another as a church family. Let us take the opportunity to love and look after each other and be the 'one anothering' community God calls us to be. Why not take the time to ring each other and pray for each other over the phone. Though we can't gather physically and worship together, let us still gather and worship together via Facebook or YouTube on a Sunday at 10:30am.

We pray that God will be mightily at work in us and through us as we continue to seek and serve the Lord Jesus Christ in these challenging times. Let us join together in worship, prayer and evangelism even if we are unable to meet together. Do especially pray for those in our church family who are serving on the frontline of the health and emergency services; those who are elderly and those who have underlying health conditions. Let us be full of faith and not fear as we face the uncertainties of the future.

Praying God's richest blessing on all of us.

## **Pastor Jon and the leadership team**

- ***Instructions for live streaming***

**YouTube:** Prior to the service time, log onto the internet at [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) Within the search bar enter Rock Christian Centre, you will see our logo near the top. Click the logo – this is where the live link will be – Click the link, watch and listen in! (The link will only be available approximately 3 minutes before the service starts. It is a good idea to subscribe to our site as it is free and will help you find the RCC page more easily in the future).

**Facebook:** If you have a Facebook account, make sure you like the Rock Christian Centre page. If you scroll down you will see a post with a link to YouTube. Using the RCC Facebook page will enable you to comment on the service and post prayer requests etc.