

Hello Everybody

I'm writing this to you in the light of the Prime Minister's COVID briefing this afternoon. In essence, our neighbourhood is now in a 'Tier 4' situation. As I understand things, we are now dealing with new level of heightened risk in terms of the infection rate, and so a new level of restriction is now going to be imposed.

In the light of the Government briefing this afternoon, The CLT have had a virtual meeting to discuss what our response should be in relation to our planned gatherings as a Church. Whilst the new rules do allow for continued physical worship gatherings, we have decided that it would be wrong for us to simply carry on as planned. We feel that this is the best way forward, not only to protect the sizeable group that are booked in to attend our services, but also to protect those who were scheduled to steward and take part. We did consider trying to do live-streamed versions of the services, but we felt that this still places a large number of individuals at risk.

Over the next couple of days, we will be thinking about how we might approach Christmas Day, and we will be in touch as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, you might want to join me and other members of the leadership team for a cuppa, chat and a chance to pray on ZOOM tomorrow morning at 10.30am.

As we've been saying over these past weeks, we are living through some very 'strange days', but we worship a God who knows, who cares and in Jesus is, 'God With Us'. More than ever, we need the Spirit of God to make this Christmas truth a reality in our lives, our families and our particular situations. That's my prayer this evening as I, very reluctantly, write this email to you.

With love  
David