

17th March 2020

Dear church family,

Suspending public gatherings at NCC in response to COVID-19

Jesus. People. Eternity. These are our top three priorities at NCC.

In order to do the second of these three priorities, we have made the decision to suspend all public gatherings of NCC until further notice. This includes Essentials which was due to begin tonight as well as Pipeline Kids Club, North Coast Youth, Gospel Man which was due to take place this Saturday 21st March, and all Sunday gatherings. The only meeting which will continue at this stage is the Thursday morning Revive prayer meeting.

Growth Groups will continue entirely at the discretion of those groups. Please be in touch with your Growth Group leader. Growth Groups remain our best vehicle of practical care in our church. We have published some helpful information for all the Growth Groups which can be accessed [HERE](#).

In order to continue with the first of our three priorities, we continue to do everything we can to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ, the only solid hope in tumultuous times. To this end we are continuing our preaching series in the book of Romans which will be broadcast online. We believe that at times like this people need the rock-solid steady preaching of God's word more than ever. Countless Christians in previous centuries have found the regular preaching of God's word provides priceless comfort in all circumstances.

In order to access the sermons please see our website for details. Furthermore, we are putting things in place and purchasing the necessary equipment that will enable us to begin livestreaming church services.

As regards the third of our priorities, we continue to look to eternity. The moment we became followers of Jesus Christ this world was taken from us. We died to the world and we are strangers and aliens in it. And so we look up and look forward to the world where no virus will ever enter. Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus seated at God's right hand and continue to rejoice that He is Lord of all.

As John Newton said, "Nothing hinders God's wisdom and goodness. Every drop of rain hits its appointed target and every dust particle is carried by the wind to its appointed resting place." Trust our Father, everything is going exactly according to His perfect plan for all eternity.

With much love,



Duane Olivier
On behalf of the Oversight Board