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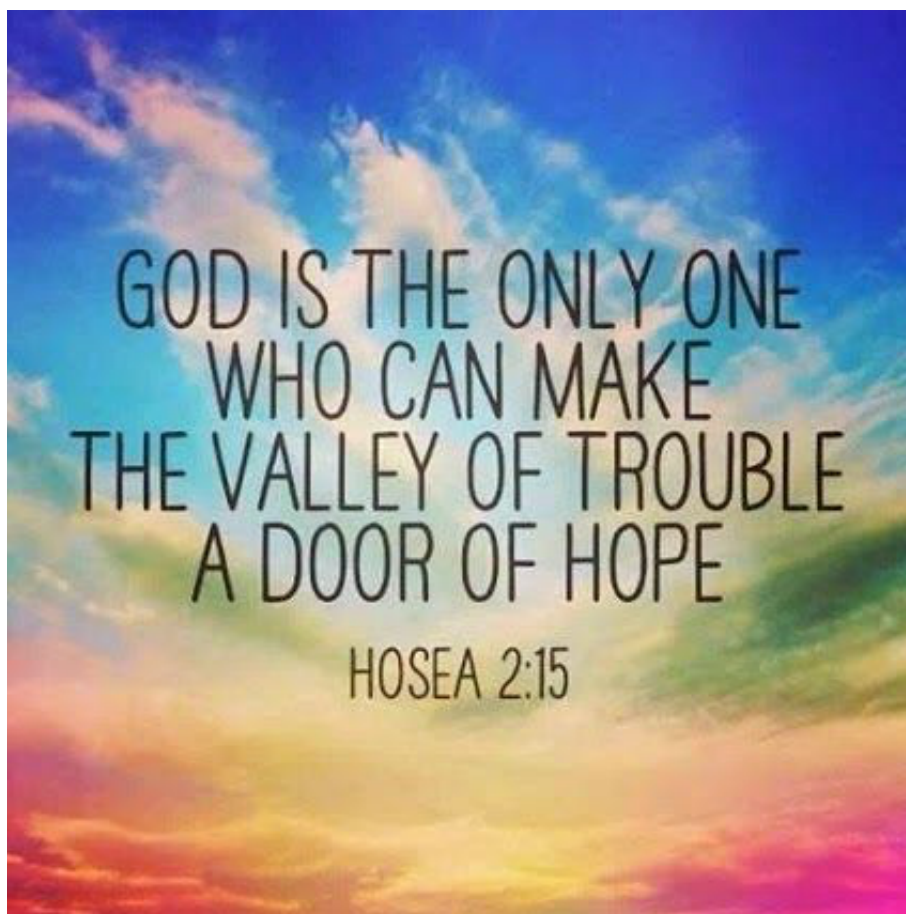


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Welcome to CoCoChu.....



We have a world of people who
need God right now....



All the Latest news at CoCoChu.....

Good Afternoon CoCoChuers!

Well, as you can imagine Church is going to look VERY different for the time being!

The Church of England has announced this week that all public gatherings will be cancelled as per governments advice.

In our context this means:

- St James Mothers day service has been cancelled
- The Regional Gloucester service has been cancelled
- No Sunday services at the school for a while (will stay updated as per government advice)
- Mid-week activities cancelled
- No physical meetings for a while

BUT this week we have begun to put stepping stones in place for our prayer meetings and Sunday gatherings to be online (temporarily).

We plan to make available for anyone who wishes, a short Sunday morning service where we can see each other's faces and share Gods word online, from our homes. We trialled this last night at the Leadership meeting and it comes with its pro's and con's but my oh my; seeing the family of God is so special and it's going to be worth it.

Once we have trialled some mid-week meetings this week, we endeavour to set-up our first online meeting on Sunday 29th March (now that the regional meeting has been cancelled). You will all receive an invite via ZOOM unless you contact me and would prefer not to be added. More details to follow after our trial.

This will not be easy, we will have technological frustrations, have to learn new ways and adapt to what is going on around us. But this is NOT a time for the church to be quiet and do nothing. This is a time in history where the church needs to be pivotal in prayer and helping communities and sharing the hope of our rock and cornerstone in times of great difficulty and anxiety and make the difference that ONLY we can.

So.....What's been going on at CoCoChu this week:

- We had our regular team meeting where we discussed home working for Alice and I and how we continue as a church to be a community that embraces technology and enables contact and the preaching of Gods word. Please also see Alice's update below!
- We signed up to ZOOM (similar to skype) and we will send out invites to the church in due course. Monday prayer group will be trialling this for the first time on Monday. More notes below on this. Here is the link to sign up for a ZOOM account. Please do this in advance of the meeting: <https://zoom.us>. I

have enclosed a link below that will enable you to join this meeting once you have your own account.

- `We have joined in on a village initiative organised by St James in conjunction with the Parish Council, WI, CoCoChu to serve this community during the Coronavirus. Thank you to those from CoCoChu who have volunteered to support this initiative. Poster below.

Other Notices.....

Monday prayer meeting - ZOOM up your prayers online from the comfort of your home!

Topic: Monday Prayer Meeting

Time: Mar 23, 2020 04:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/977213156>

Meeting ID: 977 213 156

Please click on this link to join prayer meeting on Monday and ignore the previous link sent earlier in the week!

PLEASE REMEMBER - This is our first trial! Once we have done it a few times it will be easy and we will appreciate and treasure this time of prayer together when our world most needs it.

Matthew 18: "And when two or three of you are together (on ZOOM) because of me, you can be sure that I'll be there."

I have paraphrased this for modern times but I guarantee - HE WILL BE THERE!

A national call to prayer - Churches Together in England

At 7 pm this Sunday 22nd March, light a candle in the windows of your homes as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ, our source and hope in prayer. Having a father that holds our future in His hands.

[National Call to Prayer Poster](#)

Bye-bye David and Lynne

It is with sadness and love that we say goodbye to Lynne and David who are moving closer to their grandchildren. David and Lynne have actively served, loved and helped many in our church congregation over the years and printed and written

approximately 50,000 newsletters haha or thereabouts!! You will be dearly missed by us all. We tried to pin you down to present a gift to you at church but this has not been possible and we know you're not keen on all that stuff anyway! We hope you like your gift! We love you very much and hope you will come to visit us soon! xxx

Men's Bible Study

Rob is intending to put some of his notes together for Men's Bible study so that people can continue to study his word even if they are not physically meeting. Rob will send these out shortly.

Church Meetings

Church Leadership meetings are still going ahead. We had a Leadership meeting last night and we are hoping to have a Trustees meeting next week via Zoom. We had a short time of prayer and rallied through all that is going on.

First online service trial:

On Sunday 29th March we intend to hold our first short online service via ZOOM where we will share, prayer, scripture, a song and a short talk. In due course, you will receive an invite to this online meeting. Please look out for it and sign up to your own ZOOM account which will be included in the invitation.

Sunday speakers at CoCoChu

Where possible we still intend to have a Sunday speaker which will be uploaded to the website and communicated via church news. We will keep you updated on new talks online via this weekly newsletter. If it is not possible for a speaker we will send out a talk for the week in this newsletter. The situation is changing, ongoing and being reviewed on a weekly basis.

Self-isolating emergency contact for CoCoChu

Jill from the Leadership Team is also happy to be an emergency contact for the church community so if you are self-isolating please do not feel there is no one to help. Help is a phone call away! Jill's mobile is 07812007056.

We are also compiling a list of people who are happy to make phone contact with those in our church community. If you are happy to contact people during the week please volunteer via e-mail at the office.

Prayers

Whilst at home please continue to pray for our Country

- For our NHS
- For carers

- For our government
- Long term for a vaccine
- For our schools who are facing huge challenges
- For those that we know who are struggling

Please e-mail prayer requests to the office and we can share them together as a community!

Stay Safe & Much Love

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[NEWS FROM ALICE - Our Full-Time BBC Children In need funded youth Worker](#)

Contact Alice Hill:

E-mail: youth@colwallcommunitychurch.com

Mobile: 07925275769

Instagram: colwallyouthproject_

Facebook: Alice Youth-Work

This week:

- Alice has been focusing on the summer program planning and funding (hoping times may have changed by then)
- set up virtual youth work sessions
- planning virtual sessions such as quiz's, games, cooking demonstration, support with school work, moc interviews, ext
- liaised with schools
- supported wider youth provision with COVIS-19 planning
- worked on Building Better Opportunities Funding (Help to get 16+ age groups into work, education or training).

Alice, we think considering the circumstances you are doing such an amazing job! Doing so adaptable and supporting young people

an amazing job! Being so adaptable and supporting young people through this hard time. You are AMAZING!!!

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A helpline is available in the village for all who live in Colwall.....

Are you self isolating or restricting your social contacts in order to protect your health and well-being?

Do you need some help with day-to-day tasks like collecting shopping or prescriptions or posting letters?

Would it be reassuring to have a daily call from someone to make sure that you are okay?

A team of volunteers are ready willing and able to help you with these things.

Just call 07452928226

To organise help or assistance

For regular assistance please call between 9am and 5pm.
Of course in an emergency call at any time.

If you are willing to offer help please make contact on
colwallcoronavirus care@gmail.com
your assistance will be appreciated

**An initiative of St James the Great Church, in partnership with
Colwall Surgery, CoCoChu, Colwall WINGS WI
and Colwall Parish Council**



Dates for your Diary-

Monday 23rd March - Prayer meeting - Online - All details listed above

Sunday 29th March 10.30 am on ZOOM - Online Church service, a time of prayer, song and a short reflection led by Katherine.

Want to share in giving?

CoCoChu is entirely supported by the giving of people who come here. If you would like to speak to someone about giving, then see anyone of the leadership team who can point you in the right direction.

Our giving is totally anonymous to all but the finance team – most people give by standing order, but if you prefer there is a black box for offerings and donations on the welcome desk. If you are a tax payer please do sign a Gift Aid form to enable the church to recover tax and make the money go further. Once completed these can be put in the black box.

Bank details if you need them are: Colwall Community Church 09-01-54 73133709.

By everything I did, I showed how you should work to help everyone who is weak. Remember that our Lord Jesus said, "More blessings come from giving than from receiving." Acts 20:35

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