



## The Coronavirus Pandemic

Following the Prime Minister's advice and guidance from Assemblies of God, we will not be meeting at Mill Hill during the Coronavirus pandemic—instead we will be Church in our own homes and try to maintain our routine of Church there.

So here's the plan:

Each Sunday at 10.30am, stop what you are doing and

- **Read the appointed Psalm out loud,**
- **Begin to praise God** i.e. say some good words about Him.
- **Pray**—please include the members of our congregation in Deal and those across the world in your prayers. (You will find the “*Personal Prayer and Devotions*” helpful and is available to download from our website or I can give you a printed copy.)
- **Recite (or read) the Memory Verse.**

I will continue to send out study notes by email for you to prayerfully consider—I *remembered my songs in the night. My heart mused and my spirit inquired,* <sup>Ps.77:6</sup> and for those who don't have internet access I will deliver printed copies of the notes.

**Communion:** We are not “*sacramentalists*” who need a “*priest*” to “*consecrate*” the bread and wine. We believe that the bread and wine are emblems that represent Jesus' death and all those who have placed their trust in Him should continue to remember His death by eating and drinking the bread and wine (or juice) until Jesus returns. And there is a great blessing in doing this: *The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?*<sup>1Cor.10:16</sup> So please share “*communion*” at home by remembering Jesus' death as you eat and drink some bread and wine (or juice)—even if there is only just one of you.

**Offerings:** Of course our Offerings support the running of our Church and its associated ministries but we give our money in appreciation to God and as an act of worship. *You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.*<sup>2Cor.9:7-8</sup> So I suggest that you continue to give your Offerings—please put them in an envelope and post it through the Church letter box (or to my home) or you could save it up until we return to normality. For those who use internet Banking you could pay money straight into the Church Bank Account—which is Barclays Bank, Account No **60663107** and Sort Code: **20-17-92**

**And finally,** if you do need anything, please let me know and I will try to facilitate a solution! It would be prudent if I did not make any general pastoral visits—but I am still available should any emergency arise. Do stay in touch with each other by phone, text or email (I have included a list of names and address). We also have a *WhatsApp* group—if you want to join this group, then please let me know. Be wise and use this time to renew your strength by keeping your trust in God vibrant: *Don't you know? Haven't you heard? The eternal God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, doesn't grow tired or become weary. His understanding is beyond reach. He gives strength to those who grow tired and increases the strength of those who are weak. Even young people grow tired and become weary and young men will stumble and fall. Yet, the strength of those who wait with hope in the LORD will be renewed. They will soar on wings like eagles. They will run and won't become weary. They will walk and won't grow tired.*<sup>Is.40:28-31</sup>

Your Pastor  
Paul