

CLARENCE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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WORSHIP God **GROW** Together **SERVE** Others

LIVE STREAMING & HARVEST



As we continue to discover what is the new normal, the leadership need to know the support of the church for some financial decisions.

Please read on to find out more.

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A QUESTION TO OUR CHURCH MEMBERS

Over the last few months, we have been able to gather on Zoom and to watch pre-recorded services on our church YouTube channel. Those of you who have been watching from the very start will have noticed some subtle changes to how we have used YouTube.



We started with a service that was uploaded and available at any time on the Sunday morning or beyond for people to watch. We soon realised that many felt disconnected because they lost their sense of being with others when they were watching.

And so we made our first change to releasing the video at 10:30am on a Sunday morning so that people could watch knowing that there may be others who had gathered at the same time, but there was still the facility to watch later when convenient for others.

Our second change came when we moved the recorded service to a 'premier' showing. This enabled 'live chat' for those with the facility to share with one another as the service played and so for a few months people have been sharing responses, prayer requests and words of encouragement in the chat box during the premier, but again, the service (with chat facility hidden) has been available for others to watch who were unable to join others when the service was released.

Our most recent change has been on Wednesdays and our move into the building to allow those who feel ready and able to be in a room with others for a service. We have been recording this and uploading it to the YouTube channel as soon as possible afterwards for others to watch.

Our next step in thinking about worship is to move from the pre-recorded service on our YouTube channel to what is called LIVE STREAMING. This will mean that we are able to broadcast the service as it happens (mistakes and all) and, whilst live, will enable those watching to use the chat facility to interact with the service leader in real time.

To do this simply and easily we need to upgrade some of our equipment in the sanctuary and purchase some new items. We have looked at doing this to future-proof a set up so that it lasts for several years. We would like to put in two remote cameras with a controller and encoders so that we can sync the sound and vision for direct upload to YouTube. At the same time, we will need to update the cabling to our projectors from an analogue signal to a digital one.

There is a significant cost to do this, which will of course be of benefit beyond this pandemic so that we can have an ongoing ministry through the live streaming of our services.

We are waiting for a final total cost based on a few minor amendments, but we would like to proceed along the lines of an estimated figure of no more than £6,000. The current costs of the proposed equipment are shown below but these prices vary day to day due to demand.

Cameras x2	£2250 + VAT
Brackets for cameras	£ 185 +VAT
Cables for cameras	£ 96 + VAT
Camera controller	£ 855 + VAT
Atem Mini Pro IOS	Approx. £ 895 (inc Vat)
	= £ 4281 + VAT (£5137 (inc VAT))

The above list does not yet include cabling, electrician costs for adjusting power sockets, and adapters that may be required.

If you would like to contribute towards these costs, then please use our banking details (shared later) indicating for 'livestreaming'

This is a significant sum of money for the church to spend and so, in the absence being able to hold a church meeting in our building,

we would like to ask you as church members to either write or email your approval for this to be spent.

We propose that the money would come from our Legacy Funds.

Provided responses reach a quorum, we will require a majority to proceed.

WHAT DO WE NEED MEMBERS TO DO?

Contact either our minister or Mark Green if you have questions **BUT** we need you as members to let us know if you are happy for us to proceed with this spending.

Please either write indicating your approval or disapproval for this project to the Minister at the manse address:

[Steve Christian, 137 Totterdown Road, W-s-m BS23 4LW](mailto:Steve.Christian@cpbc.co.uk)

Or email your response using this dedicated email address to gather your responses (in the electronic version of this doc users can click the email link to respond).

feedbacklivestream@cpbc.co.uk

Please indicate which members your response covers if it represents the views of multiple members

Responses will need to be received

by Monday 5th October

HARVEST 2020 @ CPBC

At harvest we celebrate the fact that the seed that was scattered has been safely gathered in. This year we have been scattered, but the seasons continue; summer, winter, seed time and harvest.

On Sunday 27th September our Sunday worship will be thinking about Harvest and celebrating God who is in control of all things. Usually in church we collect food for Foodbank and send monies to Operatrion Agri. But we will not be meeting this year so what can we do?

Steve's plan is that we will still collect for both.

If you would like to provide something for Foodbank then you can either:



1. Drop off your gift at the manse from 21st to 24th September – please place in a carrier bag and leave on the doorstep. Steve will then use these in the background during his recording on Friday morning. (If you are unable to get to the manse you could contact another church member to see if they can collect and drop for you).
2. Place a donation direct into the Foodbank collection points at any of the supermarkets.



Operation Agri appeal this year is to plant trees in Tanzania. For those reading this in digital format **click on the logo image to watch their appeal video.**

Financial gifts can be made direct to Operation Agri by either clicking [HERE](#) (which has an option for gift aiding your donation) or you can use online banking details:

Credit: Operation Agri BMM Sort Code: 12-20-29 Account no: 00142961

For those who would like to give via the church
then please use our bank details indicating clearly
that the donation is for Operation Agri

Credit: Clarence Park Baptist Church, Sort Code: 40-52-40 Account no: 00005145

REBOOT

GROWING TOGETHER



If your computer fails, then you are often told to **RESTART** it. By doing this your desire is for your computer to be working exactly the same as it was before it failed.

If, however you update your computer it usually requires a **REBOOT**. This allows your computer to upgrade a programme or a feature so that it works in a new way, better than it did before.

In the light of current guidelines, groups of more than 6 cannot meet in homes or in public spaces. Sadly, our previous Bible Study Groups will not be able to meet again for a long, long time.

AND SO.... (this works well in my head) when I think about small groups and studying the Bible together as a church, we need to think about taking the opportunity to not just **RESTART** but to **REBOOT** the opportunities that we have to learn together.

We will begin this in **OCTOBER** on Tuesday evenings via **ZOOM**. There will be an opportunity to move deeper into the Word that was shared on a Sunday. (If demand is there then we will use breakout rooms to enable discussion and reflection).



However we know that not everyone will be able to make a Tuesday and so over the coming weeks and months we plan to look at developing leaders to host other groups (using the same material) on different days and times of day.

This also creates the opportunity where there are leaders, and provided it is safe and legal to do so, for others to meet in groups of no more than 6 to study the material and to pray together (as a church activity there will need to be guidelines to follow to do this). Some groups may meet weekly, some bi-weekly, some monthly... but all would study the material for that week.

As groups then grow, they won't just become larger, they will need to divide as 6 will still be the maximum allowed (so maybe Boris has done us a blessing here!)

Why will all groups use the same material? My initial response is twofold. Firstly, because in a pandemic we don't want to encourage people to be attending multiple activities and groups. Secondly, because we want to encourage people that if for any reason, they are unable to attend a group they won't need to miss out because they can attend another one online because all the groups will be following the same curriculum.

Steve.

REBOOT: GROUPS MEETING

As indicated in our previous updates, if your group is considering wanting to meet again as part of a formal church activity then please in the first instance speak to a member of the leadership team (deacons).

There are several Risk Assessments that need to be completed and procedures that need to be followed by church groups.

We would also want to speak to the group leader about how your group can not just RESTART but REBOOT into being more central to our church focus of:

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Wednesday Worship

It was very emotional for Steve to return to preaching and leading worship in the sanctuary at Wednesday worship.

If you have not yet watched the services then please head over to our YouTube channel to catch up on the last few weeks. During these services we are looking at the book of Ephesians.



HOW DO I BOOK?

You can book for you
and members of your household
by telephone, text, or email.

**DO NOT BOOK IF YOU
OR A MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD
HAVE ANY COVID-19 SYMPTOMS**

Telephone/Text: **07704935152**

(please do not ring the manse or the church office)

Email: wed-service@cpbc.co.uk

**Your booking
will be considered CONFIRMED
when a seat number has
been sent to you**