

Children's Ministry

TODDLERS TO PRIMARY 4:

9am to

PRIMARY 5 TO SECONDARY 2:

10am to (optional breakfast/activities before and after lesson, enquire for more details)

Please contact children@ for more information or fill in and submit the form below:

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Church Advisory (17 Apr)

17 April 2020

Dear Hebronites

PASTORAL LETTER IN CIRCUIT-BREAKER TIME

I bring you greetings in the blessed name of our Triune God, His ways and thoughts are higher than ours, his steadfast love never ceases, and his mercies never come to an end.

As Singapore enters the second week of elevated safe distancing measures, we, the church, must brace ourselves for the deepening impact of not meeting together. Our physical presence as the body of Christ is both a witness to the unchurched and a comforting ministry to the saints. The current circumstances are certainly forcing us all to rethink how to be church in terms of fellowship among believers and outreach to pre-believers. We also have to be creative in how ministry continues to be expressed and carried out. It is likely that the changes that we make will stay with us for a long time even after the COVID-19 pandemic is over. For example, it is not hard to see that the church will continue to harness technology for teaching, fellowship and outreach as it is has begun to do at very short notice.

Meanwhile, as we adjust towards a new normal, our commitment to Christ and his church cannot be less. We must be even more intentional and deliberate in the disciplines of discipleship. It is on this note that I wish to share with you four ministry platforms in which you can participate.

Discipling children Parents of P5 and P6 children are

reminded to join with their children to participate in the Crossbeam video lessons that are live streamed only at 9am on Sundays. This will enable you to lead your own children in discussion after the video presentation. You may then join in the worship service via video streaming at a later time in the morning.

Prayer We have moved the weekly prayer meeting online to 8am on Sunday. This serves as a good way to prepare for the worship service at 9am. Ps Nat coordinates the prayer meeting. Please contact him for access to the online meeting platform.

Bible Brother Daniel Sim leads a group of men in reading the Bible on most Sundays of the month. This is one way in which we can be encouraged and held accountable in taking in Scripture. Any man who wishes to join may contact Daniel directly or if not, you may also check with me.

Virtual fellowship Just so that we can see familiar faces during this time apart and don't forget what our brothers and sisters look like, please send photo images of yourself and your family participating in worship at home to church@. We wish to show them at the end of the service every week.

As you would already know, we would not be able to hold congregational worship services at least until after 4 May. Our weekly worship service has gone online and is streamed at 9am on Sunday. Please visit the Hebron BP Church website at for the link to the video stream. You

will need a Facebook account to gain access. We are aware that some of you who do not have Facebook accounts have been unable to do so. We apologise for this but wish to assure you that we are taking steps to make the video stream available on other platforms as well.

The pastoral team and the Session members continue to be available for prayer, pastoral care and encouragement. Please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the pastoral team or Session member should you need help. At the same time, may I remind you that you can also encourage your leaders as many of you have done. Even a short text asking, "How are you?" will speak volumes of brotherly love and mutual concern. Do not underestimate your own ability to bless!

May God bless and keep you and your loved ones in his grace. Take time to commit to memory Ephesians , our theme scripture for the year, which says,

²² to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

May this season of separation help each of us grow and be transformed ever more into the likeness of Christ.

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Church Advisory (27 Mar)

27 March 2020

Dear Hebronites,

CONDUCT OF RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES DURING COVID-19

I greet you in the name of the Prince of Peace in whom is our eternal security. We are in a period of intense change as the Government leads us in the battle to overcome the COVID-19 pandemic. But let us look to the one who is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8) and find rest for our souls (Matthew 11:28).

With the suspension of congregational worship services from last Sunday, the Ministry of Culture, Community, and Youth has issued an advisory on religious activities to provide guidance to religious organisations regarding the conduct of their activities. In this pastoral letter, I wish to set out its implications for us Hebronites:

1. Our Sunday worship service meetings will be suspended from now to 30 April.

2. Non-congregational meetings of not more than 10 persons (such as Bible classes and small group meetings) may be held, whether in church, homes or elsewhere. All precautionary measures must be taken, including 1 metre spacing, no singing, no communal meals, no physical contact, and no sharing of Bibles and other materials. This means that it is still possible for small groups to meet for fellowship, study or training, subject to the precautionary measures.

3. In the circumstances, I would advise that Hebronites participate in Sunday worship via the live streaming service with their own families. These are people with whom you already are in close contact on a regular basis. Do not worship as a KG, LG or CG.

4. Do not come to church to participate in worship while the live streaming service is in progress. There is a limit to the number of persons who may be present in the sanctuary, all of whom having a specific role to play in the service. Anyone who is not involved in the live streaming will be turned away.

5. During this time, the pastoral team will not conduct physical pastoral visitation, unless on an exceptional basis (e.g. death or other crisis). We will keep in touch with you via the telephone, phone messaging or teleconference. However, if you face a crisis, please do not hesitate to contact the pastoral team and we will decide on how to help you.

It is important for us all to understand that the advisory has the force of law and must be complied with. Persons and organisations who do not comply will face stiff penalties.

I trust you are keeping as well as you can under the circumstances. Some of our members have returned from overseas posting or internships and are now subject to isolation orders. Please pray for them and encourage them and their families. It is not easy to remain confined in a small space for 14 days.

The pastors have prepared material for you to use in your personal quiet time, both online and in print. Ps Nat has uploaded 6-minute videos in English the YouTube channel entitled, "Hebrondevotionals," while Ps Hwee Seng has posted videos in Chinese in the YouTube channel entitled, "Hebron MWS" in the 系列 series. The Holy Week Bible Reading and Reflections booklet in English will be released this Sunday in hard copy as well as in PDF (available at the Hebron BP Church website). Please make use of these resources to continue in our journey as Christ's disciples.

Let us learn from church history that the church thrives and is purified during a time of crisis. May we seize this window of opportunity, however long it may remain open, to grow exponentially in the Spirit of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Church Advisory (21 Mar)

Dear Hebronites,

SUSPENSION OF WORSHIP SERVICES

This past week has been a whirlwind of changes as Singapore leaders sought a more and more targeted response to the COVID-19 situation. Over a month ago, I said to you that we would continue with our essential ministries while holding off non-essential ones. The reason for doing so was because, as Christians, we have an unfinished work of discipleship as our God-given priority. In a few short weeks, we have also discovered new ways of expressing and practising discipleship. From absolute scratch, the live streaming of our Sunday 9am English and Mandarin services now serves Hebronites who worship at home. We talked about moving our small group meetings and Bible learning online and some groups have experimented with various meeting apps in readiness for

implementation. The Children's Ministry urged parents to practise home discipleship by teaching their own children should the children's activities come to a halt. The pastoral team and I have met and prayed with Hebronites via teleconference.

The time has now come for us put into effect Plan B. Yesterday, the Government issued a directive to limit the size of gatherings, including religious events, to no more than 250 persons. This significantly affects our ability to continue with our Sunday worship services and activities since our Sunday attendance, even during the current season, is easily more than twice that limit (praise the Lord!). Desiring to respond as a good corporate citizen, **the Hebron Session has decided to suspend all Sunday worship services and ancillary ministries occurring on Sundays with immediate effect.** We are mindful that just up ahead are Hebron's 49th Anniversary Service (5 April), Good Friday Service (10 April), and Easter Sunday Service (12 April). The Session will review its decision nearer those times to ensure not only compliance with law but also how Hebron and Hebronites continue to fulfil our gospel mission. However, we do need to be prepared for the suspension to last

until there is a positive change in the Government's stance on mass gatherings.

In the meantime, the worship team will still meet in church

on Sunday mornings to lead in worship. Their act of service will be live

streamed at 9am to enable Hebronites to participate in the act of worship

online. **The link to the live stream is available on the Hebron website,**

. Please consider gathering as families and as YDGs, LGs, KGs

and other small groups to praise God together. This is to preserve a semblance

of community as you worship. You may also take the opportunity of the weekly

gathering to discuss the sermon after the service is over, and pray for one

another. Of course, as you gather, please remember to take the necessary health

precautions, practise social responsibility, and ensure sufficient social

distancing for the love of your brothers and sisters in Christ.

The **Hebron website** will become an important point of connection for us all during this time. Please refer to it regularly for

updates. The Hebron News and the weekly service programme and Family News will

continue to be updated and made available there.

As mentioned last Sunday, the English congregation **Children's Ministry** will be completely suspended for now. The superintendents and teachers will contact parents and provide them with materials for them to carry on discipling their children at home. The leaders of other Bible classes and ministries will contact you to inform you of new arrangements. However, if you are in doubt, please do not hesitate to contact them for clarification. The pastoral team and the leaders continue to be available and contactable during this time for prayer, encouragement, visitation, and pastoral care. Remember, you can bless them too!

Notwithstanding the foregoing, from time to time during this period, the leaders may have need to convene meetings involving up to a few dozen people, whether for training or dissemination of information. For example, the Hebron **Annual Congregational Meeting will still continue at tomorrow**. This is a regulatory meeting which we cannot defer. Given the circumstances, we will continue to receive proxy forms from Hebronites who now decide not to attend the meeting in person. You may send an image of a duly signed proxy form to any Hebron staff member. Although we will continue to

receive proxy forms right up to the time of the meeting, please try and let us have the form by 3pm today in order for there to be enough time for processing.

For tomorrow's purposes, please do not park your cars in the church grounds.

Please follow the signage to be provided that will direct you to the usual screening procedures before you enter the meeting venue at Zion Sanctuary (Level 3).

Finally, I have mentioned to you before that in every crisis

is an opportunity for growth. Never before in church history have we as

Christians had to make a decision such as this, to take the church, not

underground, but online! Let us discern what God is and will be teaching us in

this precious experience. However, do let's continue to bear in mind the

following truths:

- Christ is the Head of the Church, His Body (Ephesians 5:23)
- We are brothers and sisters in Christ, with God as our Father (Matthew 6:5-18) and Christ our Brother (Hebrews 2:11)
- We owe one another the continuing debt to show love in action (Romans 13:8-10)
- We are called to bear witness of Christ (Acts 1:8) in season and out of season (2 Timothy 4:2) by

godly living and gentle,
respectful words (1 Peter 3:15)

- God's Holy Spirit has bestowed gifts to each of us with which to bless the church (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

May God do a great work among us, in us, and through us for his glory even in this unusual situation. May God's peace and grace gird and nourish you from day to day.

In Christ,

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Church Advisory (18 Mar)

Dear Hebronites,

ENTRY RESTRICTIONS AND STAGGERED SEATING

With new travel restrictions effected this week, as well as a new infection cluster arising in yet another church (Church of Singapore, Bukit Timah), from this Sunday (22 March), Hebron will refuse the following persons entry to our worship services:

A. Recent returnees from China (including Hong Kong), Iran, South Korea, Japan, Europe, North America, or any ASEAN country, viz. Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia (including by land and sea passage), Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam, and any country on the list published by the Ministry of Health on 13 March (and any subsequent update thereto) where there is known or potential imported infections in Singapore, not otherwise covered above.

B. Anyone who recently has been to the location of an active infection cluster.

As of today, these places are as follows:

1. SAFRA Jurong Joy Garden Restaurant
2. Wizlearn Technologies at Science Park II
3. Seletar Aerospace Heights construction site
4. Grace Assembly of God and Life Church and Missions Singapore
5. Boulder+Gym at Aperia Mall at Kallang Avenue
6. Church of Singapore (Bukit Timah)

C. Anyone (or a household member) who is on home quarantine order, leave of absence, or stay-home notice

D. Anyone (or a household member) who has had recent close contact with a person who is infected or suspected to be infected with COVID-19

E. Anyone who
is unwell or has a flu-like symptom

“Recent travel” or “recent close contact” refers to travel or contact that occurred within the past 14 days.

The above Paragraphs will apply to both English and Mandarin congregations.

In line with anticipated enlargement of travel restrictions worldwide, **from 29 March, we will simplify Paragraph A by refusing entry to anyone who has returned from overseas travel in the past 14 days.**

If you are affected by the above-mentioned restrictions, please do participate in our 9am service with us through its live streaming, available on the Hebron website, .

Last Sunday, I mentioned that we will implement staggered seating in our worship sanctuaries. **From 22 March, please occupy the spots which are marked on the pews or chairs.** For this Sunday, 22 March, in view of our combined English service, persons who cannot be accommodated in Jerusalem Sanctuary will be directed to the Bethel

Sanctuary to participate in
the service through live streaming. We seek your
understanding in this
arrangement as we try and avoid over-crowding in the
Jerusalem Sanctuary.

The psalmist assures us that “those who trust in the Lord
are like Mount Zion, which cannot
be moved, but abides forever” (Psalm 125:1). May the peace
of God rest upon you
and your loved ones in this time of uncertainty.

In Christ,

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Church Advisory (14 Mar)

Dear Hebronites,

PASTORAL LETTER AND SOCIAL DISTANCING

In the past week, the World Health Organisation declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic, as many nations in the West report multiple infections and deaths. The ministerial team leading the Singapore Government's response to the viral infection and our Prime Minister have spoken to urge Singaporeans to unite and weather the storm together.

Three things have arisen which have an impact on Hebron's response to COVID-19:

1. Social distancing

From this Sunday, we will implement staggered seating in all Hebron worship services. I will leave to the pastors of each congregation to explain how this will be executed more precisely. **For this coming Sunday, as you enter the sanctuary, please sit with one empty seat to your left, right, front and back.**

2. Widening border restrictions

The Singapore Government has widened border restrictions against a few more countries where the COVID-19 infection has spiralled. Accordingly, **from this Sunday, persons who have recently returned from or have had close contact with a person who has recently returned from France, Germany, and Spain, as well as from mainland China (including Hong Kong), South Korea, Iran, Italy, and Japan should stay home and participate in the live streaming of our 9am worship services instead, available on the Hebron website at**

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“Recent close contact” means that you have been within 2 metres of a relevant person for more than just a transient interaction, in the past 14 days.

3. Social responsibility reminder

The Government called out socially irresponsible behaviour by some of the infected cases in Singapore which had resulted in the infection spreading. Let us continue to be vigilant and considerate for one another, observe good social hygiene, and do the right thing when we are unwell.

Do press on in prayer for our Government, frontline personnel, the sick, and all who are

affected by this crisis. God is merciful; he knows how much we can take. Let us hope in him.

In Christ,

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Church Advisory (7 Mar)

Dear Hebronites,

PASTORAL LETTER AND SELF-CHECK REMINDER

Peace and grace to you from God who has redeemed and sustains us in every circumstance.

Yesterday (6 Mar), we read about the largest number of COVID-19 infections in Singapore reported on a single day since the start of the viral outbreak. Nine patients are in intensive care units. Let us continue to pray for God to be merciful to all these infected persons and heal

them.

The virus has gone worldwide. The government has taken new initiatives to raise the standard of public hygiene in Singapore. May I urge us all to continue to observe our personal hygiene and exercise social responsibility towards one another.

I repeat my call to each of us to conduct a self-check before we leave home for church. Please stay home if you:

1. feel even slightly unwell or have mild flu-like symptoms (such as fever, cough, runny nose, sore throat, etc.); or
2. have had recent close contact with a person who is infected or suspected to be infected with COVID-19; or
3. have recently returned from or have had close contact with a person who has recently returned from China (including Hong Kong), South Korea, Iran, Italy, and Japan.

“Recent close contact” means that you have been within two metres of a relevant person for more than just a transient interaction, in the past 14 days.

You may participate in the worship service with us through the live streaming of our Sunday am services: English |

Mandarin

Please bear with the inconvenience of the screening process and attendance-taking when you come to Hebron to worship. These are all necessary procedures for coming to a large gathering. Our volunteer ushers have worked very hard to try and smoothen the system as much as possible. Please thank them for their labour of love.

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Church Advisory (29 Feb)

Dear Hebronites,

CHURCH'S RESPONSE TO NEW COVID-19 CASES IN CHOA CHU KANG

We thank God for his mercies in containing the COVID-19 outbreak in Singapore and that to date, after more than a

month, there is no community transmission of the infection.

Yesterday (28 Feb), the Ministry of Health reported that two newly-infected persons live at Choa Chu Kang North 5 and Choa Chu Kang Crescent respectively.

While there is no need for alarm, as a church in the Limbang and Yew Tee precincts, we will continue to exercise vigilance so as to minimise the possibility of infection among us. **The existing precautionary measures to screen all who attend at our worship services will go on. Attendance-taking to facilitate contact tracing, if required, will continue.** We seek your understanding and patience with the ushers who administer these procedures, especially when there is a long queue ahead of you. If you can, please come a little earlier so as to ease the congestion that swells nearer am.

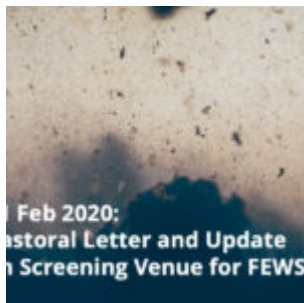
Please conduct a self-check before you leave home for church. If you feel even slightly unwell or have mild flu-like symptoms (such as fever, cough, runny nose, sore throat, etc.), please stay at home and participate in the worship service through the live streaming of our Sunday am services, available on our official website at . Our ushers will not admit you to the sanctuary if you exhibit any such symptom.

With the spread of the virus around the world, **please stay home if within the past 14 days, you have returned from China (including Hong Kong), South Korea, Italy, Iran, or**

Japan, or you have had close contact with someone who has returned from these places.

In every crisis, including this viral epidemic, is an opportunity to grow in our discipleship. Let us *“rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer”* (Romans 12:12). May God deepen us in our walk with him, and broaden us in our witness of him, for his glory.

In Christ,
Rev Wong Shin Hoe
Senior Pastor
Hebron Bible-Presbyterian Church



Church Advisory (21 Feb)

Dear Hebronites,

PASTORAL LETTER AND UPDATE ON SCREENING VENUE FOR FEWS

It has been two weeks since the Singapore Government raised the DORSCON level from yellow to orange. Despite the initial panic, it appears that Singaporeans are settling down to an uneasy calm. Last weekend, some churches voluntarily suspended gatherings but organised online meetings instead. Many Christians also faced pressure from family and employers not to attend church services, thinking that churches are sources of infection—this is obviously a sweeping statement.

In Hebron, we have begun to screen everyone who attends our services and Sunday activities. We take their body temperature and require them to make declarations about their health, movement, and whether they've had close contact with infected persons. We will continue to do this. **Please note that from this Sunday, all persons arriving in Hebron for the am English service will be required to be screened at the Love Fellowship Hall before proceeding to the sanctuary.** If you do not, you will not be admitted into the sanctuary. The screening for those attending the am Mandarin service and an English service will be held at the Level 3 lobby. You may proceed directly to Level 3 when you arrive.

I urge you to continue to observe proper personal hygiene and exercise social responsibility. We want to make Hebron a safe environment for all to worship and fellowship in. If you are unwell and have even one flu-like symptom, or if you have had close contact with someone who is infected with or suspected to have COVID-19, then please stay home and tune in to the live stream of our am services. The links to the services are available on our website.

This is not an easy time for everybody. But this is a rich opportunity for Christians to exercise faith in God, to witness for Christ, and to reach out in love, peace, and hope. We must not miss it.

If you have any prayer request relating to the COVID-19 outbreak, please share them with me or any of our pastors. Some of you have already done so and we are upholding you in prayer.

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.”

(Romans 8:28)

May God accomplish his purposes in this crisis for us, for his glory.

In Christ,
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Church Advisory (14 Feb)

Dear Hebronites,

ADMISSION TO CHURCH PREMISES AND SUSPENSION OF SELECTED CHURCH ACTIVITIES

As the COVID-19 outbreak persists, let us continue to pray for the sick, the quarantined, and those who help them. Let us also pray for those whose livelihoods have been disrupted. But our confidence is in God who is sovereign, good, and wise. Amid fear and anxiety, let us still point to the only One who secures all things.

As of today, a few churches have suspended activities because infected persons were at their premises. In Hebron, we will minimise that risk materialising among us as follows:

Admission to Church Premises

Before coming to church on Sunday, please ask yourself these three questions:

1. Have I (or a household member) recently returned from Mainland China, or am I (or a household member) on Leave of Absence or Home Quarantine?
2. Was I (or a household member) in close contact with someone infected with COVID-19 or suspected to have COVID-19?
3. Do I have flu-like symptoms, i.e. fever, cough, sneezing, runny nose, shortness of breath?

If you answer 'yes' to any of these questions, please stay home as you will not be admitted into the church building. If you display any flu-like symptoms while already in the premises, you will be ushered to our sick bay to await conveyance by ambulance to the hospital.

Suspension and Continuation of Church Activities

Additionally, as far as it is legally possible and practically sound, all essential church activities will continue, provided that

(a) precautionary measures are taken, and (b) the well-being of vulnerable persons is considered. In particular, the following will continue:

1. All Sunday activities, including worship services, children's ministry, and Christian education programmes
2. All Sunday-related activities, including choir rehearsals and worship team rehearsals
3. All discipleship activities, including fellowship group meetings (such as KGs, LGs, and CGs) and prayer meetings

Non-essential church activities will be suspended until further notice. These include camps, outings, sports, mission trips, and mass evangelistic outreach projects.

Please tune in to our official website for updates and be encouraging to one and all that you meet.

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