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## Coronavirus Update 18th March 2020

Since we sent out our first virus update yesterday, things have been moving quickly in our nation. Alongside the Governments advice that we should keep our distance from each other, the FIEC has now issued advice as follows:

"Our advice is that churches should not meet for the foreseeable future. A number of FIEC churches have already taken this decision. In practice, we would advise cancelling services and activities for an initial period of four weeks, and then reassess this on a rolling monthly basis as the situation unfolds and Government advice is updated."

In the light of this advice, several local FIEC churches have now revised their approaches and are suspending services, and the Anglican Church have also suspended services across the nation.

So, although we believe the local risk is still very low, and we very much wanted to continue meeting together, to do so would mean we are flying in the face of what is happening elsewhere in our nation. We have therefore reluctantly decided to suspend services for the time being, with immediate effect.

This weekend, we will send out by email the morning message, based on Psalm 46, entitled "Confident in God". The Psalm speaks about trusting God in the face of great natural disasters, which is very relevant. We will also send out prayer requests, and our hope is that we can together join in prayer from wherever we are, and join in the study of God's word. We are still God's people at Whiteshill, so let's remember each other, even if it is from a distance.

In the coming weeks, David will continue both our morning and evening series in the Bible, and these messages will be sent out each weekend. We are also talking with other churches to see how we can pool our resources to best serve our congregations.

Please continue to let either David, or the Deacons, know what your situation and prayer requests are, and we will keep everyone updated each week.

Finally, as previously mentioned, if you usually give money in the offering bags to support the work of the church, you may wish to consider how you can continue to support the church during these next few weeks. Paul Davies will be happy to talk to you about how this can be done.