

Wednesday 18th March, 2020

Dear Friends,

I hope you are all well and keeping safe.

You will hopefully have been notified of the difficult decision that has been made to close the church building and cancel all physical gatherings as a church. Although necessary, there is a very challenging consequence of social distancing in the area of finances.

Every week we hire out our church building and receive from this a monthly income of around £400. Besides this, with not meeting physically together we will not be able to take up a weekly collection during the service, this totals an average of £1596 a month. We can not exaggerate how difficult potentially losing almost £2000 a month of income would be for our church finances.

Already a number of people support the church financially through monthly direct debits to the total of £1450 each month. However, our expenditure as a church on direct debits alone amount to £2620 a month. As you can see, without the continual income from offerings usually received on a Sunday morning in the collection, we are facing a very significant deficit.

Therefore, if you are able, we would encourage you to start giving via direct debit if you don't already. Alternatively you could do a weekly bank transfer, or even send a cheque directly to our Treasurer Judith Green.

These are unprecedented times, and yet we know that we serve a God who is above all things.

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11.

God bless you all,

Judith Green,
Treasurer

Bank Details (For direct debit and bank transfer)

Natwest

Sort code: 60-70-08

Account number: 94229309

*To send a cheque please make it payable to, 'St Helens Baptist Church' and post to:
Mrs J Green, 28 Westbury Avenue, Winstanley, Wigan, WN3 6HW.*