



Hope in a Van

Hello Everyone

This is the third newsletter very much with a gap between the second letter or should I say a lake? My instinct is to say how is everyone? When I really mean I hope everyone is keeping safe at the present time. It's a roller coaster ride of emotions for many including myself, but I'm okay with that. If you are going to go on one of these rides then maybe this is the time to do just that.

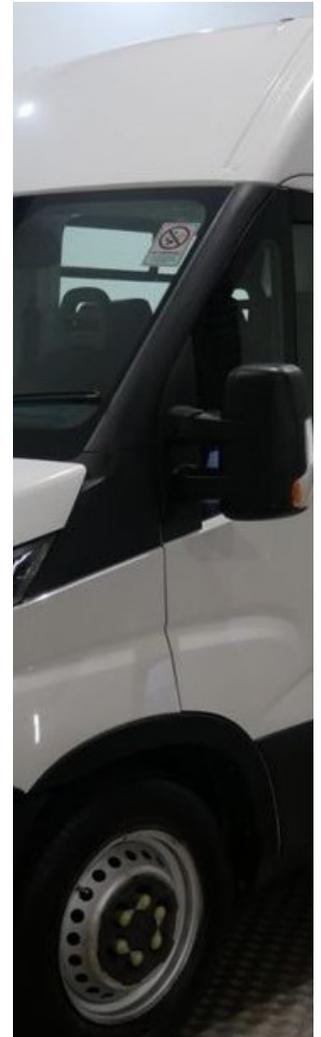
I zoomed this week. Thought this verb would only be used in relation to spaceships and cameras, but it turns out video conference calling as well! In the discussion something really hit home that the other person said, *no-one will be the same after this experience. Jesus in his never ending love wants to transform us and this time I want to listen.*

David Knotts a trauma surgeon now treating people with COVID-19 said,



"It's very similar [to a war zone], really, with the virus, because you have to appreciate that it is an invisible enemy — and you have to make sure that the invisible enemy doesn't get you." This is the reality that our medical professionals are working in. Its also not too surprising for most people to recognise the

amazing work that the NHS, carers and other key workers (list is too long to mention) which opens our hearts and makes kindness flow easier for the most, and this is demonstrated in the personal responses that people have made to the treatment received for COVID-19 shown through UK celebrations on Thursdays at 8pm, where we clap to show our appreciation. Yet kindness in our homes may not flow so freely as we cope with being stuck behind four walls, and that challenges me. Jesus calls us to be kind and especially in situations and circumstances where it doesn't flow that freely.



Cinnamon Network in West Auckland

Thank you for your prayers for the Cinnamon Network Leadership Training it was great to see so many people there with lots of learning and people enjoying themselves. The training was facilitated by Cham Kaur-Mann and supported by Jonny Gios from Cinnamon Network. Adrian Hancock Senior Pastor at West Auckland Vineyard is also in the photo. More information about the Cinnamon Network is available [here](#). They also have online resources to support churches during this time.



Points for prayer

1. Prayer for key-workers. The list is endless
2. Our area and the impact corona-virus is having on our lives.
3. Services and charities that are helping people at the moment.

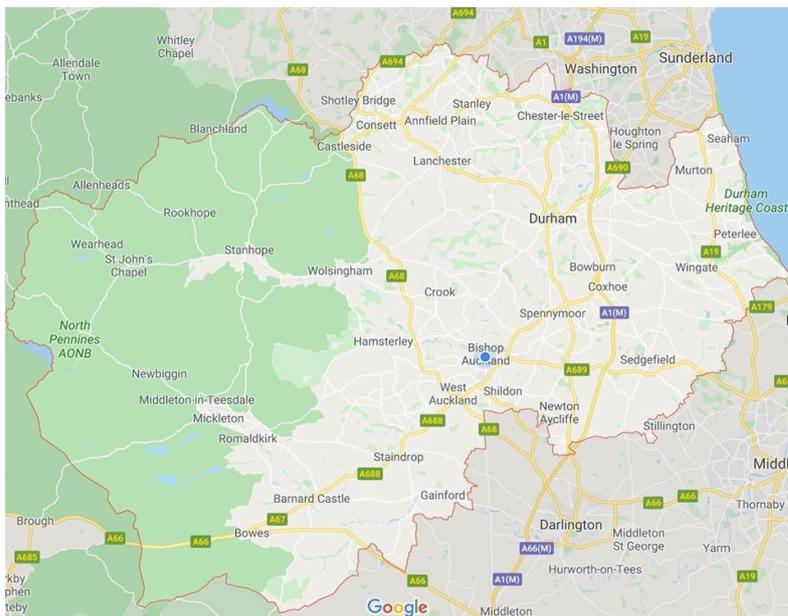
Funding News



We have withdrawn one grant application from Garfield and Weston for the moment as they would like to use some of their resources to support the immediate work with vulnerable people during the coronavirus. We felt Hope in a Van wasn't a priority project at the moment, but intend to reapply when we come through the other side. There is still another application being processed at the moment.

Church is brilliant!

It's great seeing the many ways that the church has adapted under the present circumstances, finding different ways for people to meet using technology. Many people are going to be able to spend time over Easter worshipping Jesus. The desire to be with fellow believers during really difficult times worshipping, praying, chatting and taking communion has struck me. Personally, seeing people's faces on my computer screen has given me a sense of belonging even though we are physically apart. As has been said before, the church is not the building, but the people who are in a relationship with Jesus and each other, are church, and they are still together, seeking to know more about His heart and seeking His plans while growing together in faith.



Please pray..

We are leaving the map here and invite you to pray for people in this area or other areas during this time.

As a friend once said stay well and strong in the springtime and the sadness.

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