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Dear Friends,

**The Church has left the building.**

In the light of yesterdays (Monday) Government advice and with similar anticipated advice from the United Reformed Church it is with great sadness that the elders have made the difficult decision to suspend all church activities that currently take place on the premises of Plume Avenue Church until further notice. This includes, home groups, prayer groups, lent groups and obviously Sunday services.

**What about worship and pastoral care?**

We have always said the church is the people not the building so church goes on, just in a different manner. We shall be looking at putting together some online resources to enable people to remain connected and worship as a virtual church. We do not yet know what that will look like but will keep you informed.

Pastoral care will continue through phone calls and social media conversations. Andrea and I are compiling a list of those who are self isolating. Please let us know if this is the case for you. We have a list of vulnerable people who have been assigned a buddy at church. Can I remind you if you are a buddy to contact your person/people. If you feel unable to carry on this role please let either Andrea or myself know so the person you buddy up with does not get overlooked. Please also use the prayer chain for specific requests.

This is an unprecedented situation in the UK and I would urge you to remember the promises of God. I am reminded of Romans 8:15,

***The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry 'Abba Father'.***

Friends we are sons and daughters of the King of Kings, he is the one who has created all things and he is also the one we can call Abba. Take your prayers and requests to him, he is your heavenly father.

Jesus is still on his throne and we are called to remind ourselves of this on a daily basis. Finally, I would like to urge you to take suitable precautions and keep an eye out for vulnerable friends and family. Now is the time for the church to shine and to be a people of hope.

Blessings,

Geoff Felton  
In the name of Christ and behalf of the Elders of Plume Avenue Church.