



THINK ON THESE THINGS.....

Reading: Philippians 1:3 - 6

3 I thank my God every time I remember you. 4 In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, 6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Reflection:

Over the coming days you will be receiving a letter from the church family by email, and by post. The letter will contain details of our re-opening service (and subsequent services) here at Emmanuel.

Please read the letter carefully. We have tried to give as much information as possible, without overwhelming you! If you would like to come along to any of the planned services, please let us know by the Friday afternoon before the service.

Last Sunday we held a trial service which was attended by only a few people. It gave us the opportunity to test our systems, and make sure that everyone would be safe as we returned to worshipping together for the first time since March this year.

I must admit it was really special to look up from the front and see faces, albeit covered with masks! Yes, it is going to be a little strange, but I'm sure we will soon be able to settle into the new way of doing things, and enjoy worshipping together.

In a few weeks time we'll begin a series which focuses on Paul's letter to the Philippian church. Philippians is Paul's Joy letter. The believers in that place enjoyed a special relationship with Paul, which had brought him great joy. But the letter also emphasises the real joy to be found in the Christian life.

I trust that as we begin this new phase in the life and work of Emmanuel church, that we will all be encouraged by the reality of gathered worship again. Once again, please do not feel pressured to rush back. You will know when the time is right. In the meantime, keep enjoying the worship online each Sunday!

Breath-Prayer: Loving God, help us all as a church family to move forward gently and cautiously into this new phase of our life together. Continue to bless us, and give us the daily assurance of your presence.