

# #1 Communicator - District

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## Welcome

This is the first edition of our Communicator for the Manchester South District of Churches; South, Southern Asia, Altrincham and Piccadilly.

Restrictions put in place by the UK Government in response to the COVID-19 pandemic have forced us to change the way we do church throughout the world. For those of us with access to the internet, online platforms provide a viable option for continued fellowship, spiritual nurture and evangelism.

The Manchester South District of Churches has chosen to take advantage of Zoom, Youtube and other means by which we can fellowship and meet together.

In this edition, you will find information and links to the various interactive meetings being held by the churches.

We encourage you to take part in the various church meetings and services and we hope you find this first edition of our Communicator useful.

Kind regards

District Communication Team & Pastors

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## Sabbath arrangements

### District Sabbath School

Making sure we have an opportunity to come together and worship God is imperative on a local level. As such, we've been hosting and will continue to host a district-led Sabbath School program.

**Time:** 9:30am - 11am

**Platform:** Youtube and Conference Call

You'll be able to access the program on Southern Asia's Youtube Account - [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCw8G-1gpjCen\\_2iNg3\\_Nm5w](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCw8G-1gpjCen_2iNg3_Nm5w)

Alternatively, you can join via conference call. Information will be shared closer to the day.

## Divine Service - Southern Asia

Southern Asia is organising a divine service, which can also be watched through their Youtube account.

**Time:** 11:15am

**Platform:** Youtube and Conference Call

## North England Conference

Our Conference is preparing a Divine Service program each week that can be watched on Youtube - [www.youtube.com/neccommunications](http://www.youtube.com/neccommunications) or @neccommunications.

## Afternoon Youth Bible Study

Piccadilly youth are hosting a Zoom Bible study on the subject of forgiveness and reconciliation in line with the Youth Week of Prayer.

**Time:** 4pm - 5pm

**Platform:** Zoom

## Weekday activities

### Tuesday Youth Bible Study

Pr Joe has been meeting every Tuesday evening with the youth across the district. This is now taking place on Zoom. However, due to him now being furloughed due to the COVID-19 situation, it'll be led by Pr Campbell with a number of other youth.

**Time:** 7pm - 8pm

**Platform:** Zoom and Conference Call

All youth aged 16+ are invited to come along.

## Wednesday Prayer Meeting

Our District Prayer Meeting is hosted by Pr Campbell with different speakers and individuals leading us in prayer from the district. In the challenging times we're living in, prayer now more than ever is needed. We'll be following the General Conference (GC) readings and the North England Conference (NEC) prayer guidelines.

**Time:** 7pm - 8pm

**Platform:** Zoom and Conference Call

## Friday Evening Vespers

Altrincham and Southern Asia are hosting vespers on a Friday evening. These sessions are interactive as all are encouraged to join via video with a time to fellowship together as well.

### **Altrincham**

- Time: 7pm - 8pm
- Platform: Zoom and Conference Call

### **Southern Asia**

- Time: 7pm - 8pm
- Platform: Zoom and Conference Call

More details will be shared closer to the time. All are welcome to join either church for vespers.

## One-on-one or group Bible studies

Pastors and Elders are available throughout the lockdown to study the Bible with you whether you want a one-on-one session or as a small group.

You're welcome to contact any of the pastoral team and plan something around your schedule.

## Baptismal class

We are pleased to confirm that baptismal classes will resume during the lockdown. This will be a regular class led by Elder Paul Elleston via zoom. Details will be provided to those who were part of the baptismal class previously but if you're interested in joining, contact one of the pastoral team.

## Pathfinders & Adventurers

## Other information

### Tithes and offerings

Our church functions on the generosity and faithfulness of our members to return their tithes and offerings. Whilst our buildings may be closed, there are still ongoing costs and we'd like to encourage you to continue to faithfully return what's the Lords.

As we're not meeting physically, we'll provide a number of online options for each church. If you do not have access to the internet or are not comfortable with making electronic payments, the best option is to put your tithes and offerings aside in a safe place until the church re-opens.

### Tithes

There are a number of methods to pay your **TITHE ONLY. DO NOT PAY LOCAL OFFERING THROUGH THESE METHODS.**

#### 1. Bank transfer directly to the NEC

- Natwest Bank Plc
- Account number: 84598816
- Sort code: 60-80-09
- Reference: Your name and also your gift aid number

## 2. Pay online through the website

Follow the link to the NEC website - <https://nec.adventist.uk/contact-us/donate/>

If you follow the link above, you can return tithes if you select, "Tithe by Churches" from the Purpose list, or you can donate to various mission offerings further down the list. When returning tithes, please select your church from the list.

If you have a gift aid number, you can select the Gift Aid option and then enter your Gift Aid number. Please note that your full Gift Aid number is "2049" followed by the 4 digits that you are familiar with and you'll need to enter the full Gift Aid number. For example, if you know your Gift Aid number as "1234", then enter "20491234" on the web page.

After you click the "Donate" button, you'll be shown a summary of what you're paying at which point you can either click "Change" or "PayPal Check Out". You don't need to have a PayPal account (you can pay by debit/credit card), although it will insist on creating a PayPal account for you at the same time.

If you want to return Tithes AND Offerings, then you'll need to go through the above process for each separately.

## 3. Over the phone

Call the NEC on 0115 9606 312 to make a transaction over the phone.

## Offerings

During this challenging time, all donations for **LOCAL OFFERINGS ONLY**. Please DO NOT pay tithes or mission offerings a local church bank account - that is for LOCAL offerings only.

### 1. Bank transfer to the local church

Include you the following information in the "Reference" section: Initial, surname, amount and purpose.

For the purpose, including the following letters:

- **O** - Local church offering
- **B** - Church building fund
- **G** - Good Samaritan/Dorcus Fund

Example:

If John Smith wants to pay £100 into the church account, it would show as “J Smith O40 B60”

If there are not enough characters to add all the information, just put your name on the reference and then text the treasury team with more information.

You will be provided with a receipt.

- **South**
  - Account number: 31151647
  - Sort code: 01-01-97
- **Southern Asia**
  - Account number:
  - Sort code:
- **Altrincham**
  - Account number: 77399250
  - Sort code: 51-61-11
- **Piccadilly**
  - Account number:
  - Sort code:

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**Note:** The process is similar to paying your tithe through the website (see above for more information) but always remember to choose your church from the dropdown options to guarantee we receive it back from the NEC.

## Health Bite

## How to use Zoom

## Message from our pastors