# The Year of Pandemic has been hard ... ... but God has been leading us!

It has reminded us that 'church is people who follow Jesus' (and not simply 'building' or 'Sunday Service')

We have had to ...

## DIG DEEP IN OUR FAITH ...

... and *sharpen* our spiritual rhythms



Podcasts, Zoom gatherings, spurring one another on by phone or WhatsApp etc.

#### **Family Discipleship Together**

As a church we have strategically invested in resourcing & encouraging 'family discipleship' – simple times of exploring faith young & old.

This is a priority we want to keep beyond the pandemic ...

### **New Groups - New Formats**

The space opened up by *not* having a weekly whole church gathering has allowed some new groups to form, trying out new simpler formats.

Some have aimed at *all ages*, and have been able to invite friends who are exploring faith. They have proved to be an accessible starting point.

Yet all with a commitment to 'be' Countess Free Church

A church in mission across the city

#### We have seen God move!

- New people have joined the church
- There are people looking to be baptised
- New people are with us on a journey of discovering faith in Jesus ...

## We look forward to gathering again without restriction ...

... but it **cannot** be all about the gathering!

It will be <u>following Jesus</u> ... greater spiritual depth for young and old ... seeing the Lord powerfully present among us at every level ... the Lord leading us out in His purposes ...

#### Micro-Initiatives:

Members taking initiative with neighbours, colleagues or in places ... spreading hope, talking of Jesus, pointing to the Good News.

We have encouraged these and celebrated as people have stepped out in faith, seen God work, and learnt along the way.

Let's not lose this enthusiasm to 'have a go' beyond the pandemic!

**Before Covid** 

After Covid

## The Covid Canyon!

It is like a big canyon has opened up ... but we do believe the Spirit wants to lead us as a church across onto the other side. It will be different. There will be new adventure, and things will not necessarily be the same ... but we will follow the

same Jesus - Lord and Saviour!

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Seeking to Serve

Pray with us, as the leadership team seeks His direction for us.

Chat to us about it!