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True Hope

- **Proverbs 13v12**
Hope deferred
- **Romans 5v1-5**
Hope that does not disappoint
- **Romans 8v24-25**
Hope that sustains

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Coronavirus Guidance Update



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Context

- Rising infections likely to lead to unacceptable increase hospitalisation/deaths
- No desire national lockdown – esp. businesses/schools
- Risk tougher measures if do not restrain spread
- No desire to close places of worship
- Apply for 6 months (to end March 2021)

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England

- Virtually no change to gathered worship/church meetings
- Weddings reduced to maximum 15
- No change to gatherings in private homes
- Increase penalties & focus on enforcement exiting rules
- 'Work from home if possible'
- Hospitality providers close 10pm, table service only
- No fans sports events, indoor sports subject to rule of 6

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Scotland

- Places of worship open with maximum attendance 50
- No meeting other households inside homes
- Up to 6 people from 2 households can meet outdoors (including gardens)
- Children under 12 excluded/exempt

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Wales

- Places worship open – no limit indoors – max 30 outdoors
- Up to 4 households can form 'extend household'
- Max 6 aged 11+ together at one time

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Northern Ireland

- Places worship open - no limit – social distancing – face coverings advised
- No social visits inside private homes – 6 from 2 households in garden
- Up to 15 people elsewhere/outdoors

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Pastoral Concerns

- People facing restrictions on social contact
- Pressures working from home
- Christmas affected
- People in severely affected industries – hospitality, aviation, tourism, transport

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