

# The Bergen Bridge

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Dear Praying Friends,

Today marks 100<sup>th</sup> day of the year and what a start to a year we have had!

We were privileged to hold services in both sheltered housings and the community day centre for the elderly in January and February. God laid the Gaither's song '*Because He Lives*' on our hearts to teach them. Most of them had never heard the song before. By the time we left each place, they were able to sing the chorus with us. What a precious thought to leave with them and for us to cling to – *Because He Lives, I can face tomorrow*. We never knew at that time how much our lives would change in the coming days.

The ladies of our church decided they wanted to switch from having an evening 'Ladies night out' once a month to a coffee and chat morning. These have been well attended with ladies bringing their Bibles and sharing what they have been learning about God and His Word. The men have been meeting once a month for a breakfast and a devotion time these have proved great training times.

Everything changed on the evening of the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March as the United Kingdom went into lock down because of the COVID-19. We are allowed out of our house for 'necessity' shopping, and once a day for a walk or another type of exercise, otherwise we are to stay inside of our homes, and not to have any sort of physical contact with anyone who does not live within our household. Overnight, places were closed, and people were out of work.

Brechin Baptist has a new website [www.brechinbaptist.org.uk](http://www.brechinbaptist.org.uk) and through this and Facebook, we have been able to put services online. We have used the 'Zoom' app to have our weekly Bible studies. The problem with this is that it leaves out several of our elderly who do not have access to a computer or anything online. Both of us have worked hard at contacting our elderly and checking on them to see they are alright and have what they need. The good about this is we have had people from all over the world watch and listen. Our prayer is that God will use this to bring people to Him.

May you have a Blessed Easter as we remember our Lord Jesus and all He has done for us,

Your Bridge to Brechin,  
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