

Dear Friends,

I do hope that you are well and, as ever, I thank you for taking the trouble to walk with me in my portfolio ministry.

HEALTH - The past month has been an extraordinary one. I have had (and continue to have) a hacking cough and for the two weeks running up to Easter I had absolutely no voice at all. I could whisper but that was the limit of it. So on Palm Sunday Bethany very kindly read my sermon at Whitchurch and over the Easter weekend I bowed out and asked others to take my place. I have never had an experience like this and learnt a great deal from it.

MARATHON - We are thrilled that Hannah completed the London Marathon and exceeded her £2,500 sponsorship target for Child Bereavement UK. Many thanks to those of you who sponsored her. We all went up to London to share the excitement and it was a lovely day in every way. It was C's first visit to central London.

CAVERSHAM - Please pray for us as we meet a ministerial candidate on 7th May. I was very impressed when we met him for an interview in March, but let's pray that the Lord will peacefully and clearly reveal his will. The church is in good heart but I am keenly aware of the limitations of my part-time ministry and it would be wonderful if we were in a position to appoint a full-time minister.

PORTFOLIO - The joy and stimulus of my portfolio is that it is dynamic - the different aspects of it keep changing. I therefore ask you to pray that I will be wise in knowing what I should agree to do, and those opportunities that I should politely decline.

Have a great month.

Blessings,

Jonathan

JONATHAN'S PRAYER DIARY MAY 2017

Monday 1st

May Bank Holiday – Family Fun Day at Caversham Baptist Church (we tried this for the first time last year and it was an immense success. Many people attended who had never previously entered the church)

Tuesday 2nd

Caversham Day – Morning Bible Study, Caversham Ecumenical Ministers' Lunch, pastoral and Leaders' Meeting

Wednesday 3rd

Speaking at Reading Christian Network
Abbey Baptist Deacons' Meeting

Thursday 4th
Newbury Office

Friday 5th
Banbury visits

Saturday 6th
Day Off

Sunday 7th
Ministerial candidate preaching at Caversham Baptist Church

Monday 8th
Mentoring session in Swindon

Tuesday 9th
Caversham Day – Reading Baptist Ministers' Cluster meeting,
pastoral and Leaders' Prayer Meeting

Wednesday 10th
Mentoring session in Reading
Abbey Baptist Church Members' meeting

Thursday 11th
Postcard Auction near Reading

Friday 12th
Interment in Henley
Postcard Fair in Woking

Saturday 13th
Day Off

Sunday 14th
Preaching at Wantage Christian Fellowship

Monday 15th
Meeting with the leadership team of Premier Media in London

Tuesday 16th
Caversham Day – Morning Bible Study, pastoral and Leaders'
Prayer Meeting

Wednesday 17th
Reading Christian Network

Thursday 18th
Oxford visits

Friday 19th
Newbury Office

Saturday 20th
Caversham Baptist Church Leaders' "Away Afternoon"

Sunday 21st
Preaching at Caversham Baptist Church

Monday 22nd
Meeting minister in Gloucestershire

Tuesday 23rd
Caversham Morning Bible study
Launch of the new NIrV Accessible Version of the New
Testament at All Souls, Langham Place, London
Caversham Leaders' Prayer Meeting

Wednesday 24th
Newbury office

Thursday 25th
Southern Counties Baptist Association Extraordinary General
Meeting at Newbury Baptist Church

Friday 26th
West Berkshire Baptist Ministers' Cluster Lunch

Saturday 27th
Day off

Sunday 28th
Worshipping at Newbury Baptist Church

Monday 29th
Bank Holiday

Tuesday 30th
Half Term Break

Wednesday 31st
Half Term Break