

Dear Friends,

I do hope that you are well, and trust that amidst all the challenges of life you are experiencing God's blessing.

HEALTH - My cough continues - it is now in its 10th week and is like an old friend! My GPs have been great and have taken a close interest. I am now on my third course of antibiotics and I have just been put on steroids. It has been an exhausting period although I'm feeling fairly fit now. The doctor suggests that it's probably whooping cough.

FOSTERING - C has now been with us for 15 months and during that time Sue has continued to take her to her school in Reading. The school has been outstanding in every respect and we felt it was best, amidst all the changes in C's life, to give her the security of that continued relationship. However, now that it is clear that she is a long term part of our family, we are on the verge of moving her to a school near our home. Both her present school and the new school are going many extra miles to make it a smooth transition and we would love you to pray that the move will go well. Happily two of her best friends at Newbury Baptist Church are in the same year at the new school, so that's a huge blessing.

CAVERSHAM - We were blessed by the visit of a ministerial candidate at the beginning of May, but the church was keen to meet other candidates. So please pray for that continued journey. Please pray for the church weekend (2nd to 4th June) in Windsor. We have about 55 people attending which is simply amazing and a great encouragement.

PORTFOLIO - I have agreed to support the ministry of Premier Media as an ambassador. The organization reaches over 1.2 million people weekly through its Radio station and other media, and I am eager to do what I can to support them. It will just be a couple of days a month so this fits well with my other roles.

It's always a real pleasure to hear your news. Thank you for keeping in touch.

Many blessings,

Jonathan

JONATHAN EDWARDS' DIARY

June 2017

Thursday 1st

Half term holiday – going to the England v Bangladesh one day international at the Oval

Friday 2nd

Caversham Church Weekend in Windsor

Saturday 3rd

Caversham Church Weekend – sessions in the morning, free afternoon, Concert of Caversham Talent in the evening!

Sunday 4th

Caversham Church Weekend

Monday 5th

Meeting with Torch's Chief Development Officer, Julia Hyde

Abbey Baptist Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday 6th

Caversham day – Morning Bible Study, Ecumenical ministers' lunch and Leaders' Meeting

Wednesday 7th

Reading Christian Network

Premier Lecture – Prof Alister McGrath – in Westminster

Thursday 8th

Gloucestershire and Herefordshire visits

Friday 9th

Hertfordshire visits

Meeting with a ministerial candidate at Caversham

Saturday 10th

Day Off

Sunday 11th

Preaching at Crowthorne Baptist Church

Monday 12th

Mentoring session in Northamptonshire

Tuesday 13th

Caversham day – Morning Bible Study, Funeral of Jean Spargo and Leaders' Prayer Meeting

Wednesday 14th

Newbury Office

Abbey Baptist Church Members' Meeting

Thursday 15th

London – meetings with minister of Methodist Central Hall, Dr Martyn Atkins (former Methodist General Secretary and good friend) and John Buckeridge, Deputy Chief Executive of Premier Media

Friday 16th

Newbury Office

Saturday 17th

Day off

Sunday 18th

Preaching at Caversham Baptist Church

Monday 19th

Newbury Office

Tuesday 20th

Churches for All Conference at the International Mission Centre in Birmingham (Churches for All is the main committee for Christian disability groups and I will attend on behalf of Torch)

Wednesday 21st

Churches for All Conference till lunch time

Evening - Visiting Kings Church, Southampton as an Advocate on behalf of Parish Nursing (new role! I love Parish Nursing which is a way of encouraging trained nurses to offer a supporting role to local churches in the mission to their community)

Thursday 22nd

Pastoral meetings in Reading and Hampshire

Friday 23rd

West Berkshire Ministers' Cluster Lunch

Saturday 24th

Day Off

Sunday 25th

Worshipping at Newbury Baptist Church

Monday 26th

Meeting with the Parish Nursing Regional Coordinator in Hampshire

Tuesday 27th

Caversham Day – Bible Study, pastoral and evening Leaders' Prayer Meeting

Wednesday 28th

Caversham Ecumencial Clergy Retreat at Stanton St John, Oxfordshire

Thursday 29th

Caversham Clergy Retreat

Friday 30th

Caversham Clergy Retreat