

Dear Everyone,

August is upon us and I do hope that the month will give you some time for relaxation ... and that the weather manages to recover from its wild and wet mood.

I will spare you the day by day diary for the month because it is such an unusual time of the year. We are heading off on holiday next Saturday and look forward to a relaxing couple of weeks.

SAD NEWS - My uncle Alan died yesterday. Alan was a Baptist minister and he had ministries in Newcastle-under-Lyme; Yardley, Birmingham; Broadwater, Worthing; Park Road, Peterborough and, finally, Lyme Regis where he also served as secretary for the Western Association. The family have kindly asked me to take the funeral. Alan had suffered from dementia for a long while and he was longing to "go home". His prayer has now been answered but I ask you to pray for his widow, June, and their children Steve and Sally and their families.

OTHER FAMILY NEWS - Hannah and Ian moved to Putney at the beginning of July and are loving having more space, living a little closer to central London and being close to the River. Hannah's social work with children with disabilities is hugely demanding but she is enjoying it, and Ian has successfully completed his bar exams and will be called to the bar in the autumn. - Tom continues to do well at Marks and Spencer and has just come back from camping at Naturally Supernatural, a big Christian festival in Stafford. Gloria, his cat, missed him a great deal but they are now happily reunited! - Beth is now awaiting her A level results with the hope that she might be able to study Theology and Psychology at Glasgow Uni.. She preached for the first time last month and that seems to have gone well. At the moment she is Inter-railing with some friends in Europe. - And, finally, C (lovingly known as "little egg"!) continued to do well at her new school and we really praise the Lord for that. This is the second week of the summer holiday and she is into her second holiday club! Her whole summer has been well mapped out by Sue.

CAVERSHAM - Last month we heard someone preach with a view to the pastorate and last Sunday a Special Church Members' Meeting invited him to be our minister. Please pray for him and the church as we await his decision.

Thanks so much for sending your news. Every month we are delighted to receive news and reflections from various friends and this is greatly appreciated.

With our love,

Yours ever,

Jonathan and Sue