

Dear Friends,

I do hope you're well and that you are discovering God's peace and purpose amidst all the business of life.

FOSTERING – We really value the interest that you have shown in this exciting new dimension of our family life. C is continuing to thrive in her new school and we are so delighted about that. Moving schools in the summer looked like a very major challenge but she took it all in her stride with great poise. This month she will have been with us for 20 months and it will be great to celebrate her 8th birthday. Beth will be flying back from Scotland for the first time since starting her degree in Glasgow and Hannah and Ian intend joining us from London. There is no question that C is firmly part of our family and we are very happy about that.

CHURCHES – Please remember Newbury Baptist Church at this time. Richard Littledale, our minister, is now on compassionate leave as he cares for Fiona, his wife, who is very seriously ill. They are an amazing Christian couple and their example of faith and confidence in God is an inspiration to us all. Please also remember Caversham and Abbey both of whom have seen ministerial candidates over the past month with whom they are keen to pursue contact. Please pray for this vulnerable and important time for both ministers and churches ... and wisdom for me as I accompany them.

I am now completely fit and well after my nasty experience of cellulitis. Praise the Lord!

With love to you and yours.

God bless you,

Jonathan

PRAYER DIARY
NOVEMBER 2017

Wednesday 1st
Southern Counties Baptist Association Leaders' Meeting at Avebury Baptist Church

Thursday 2nd
Oxford visits

Friday 3rd
Day Off

Saturday 4th
Premier Digital Conference in London

Sunday 5th
Preaching at South Street Baptist Church, Exeter

Monday 6th
Abbey Baptist Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday 7th
Caversham Day – Bible Study, Ecumenical clergy lunch, Leaders' meeting

Wednesday 8th
Reading Christian Network
Mentoring session
Abbey Reading Church Members' Meeting

Thursday 9th
Postcard Auction at Arborfield, South of Reading

Friday 10th
Newbury Office

Saturday 11th
Day Off

Sunday 12th
Preaching at Caversham Baptist Church followed by a Newcomers' Lunch

Monday 13th
Mentoring Session and visits

Tuesday 14th
Meeting at Premier offices in London with other church leaders
Caversham Leaders' Prayer Meeting

Wednesday 15th
Speaking at an ecumenical retreat for Camberley church leaders

Thursday 16th
Retreat for Camberley church leaders

Friday 17th
Newbury Office

Saturday 18th
Our foster daughter C's birthday party
Meeting for Caversham leaders with a prospective minister

Sunday 19th
Preaching at Langley Free Church Anniversary, Slough

Monday 20th
Foster training

Tuesday 21st
Caversham Day – Bible Study, Pastoral and Leaders' Prayer Meeting

Wednesday 22nd
Gloucestershire visits

Thursday 23rd
Newbury Office

Friday 24th
Oxford visits

Saturday 25th
Day Off

Sunday 26th
Leading an Invitation Service at Caversham Baptist Church (New idea! A blend of interviews and music intended to reach out to our fringe)

Monday 27th
Newbury Office

Tuesday 28th
Caversham Day – Bible Study, Pastoral and Leaders' Prayer Meeting

Wednesday 29th
Foster first aid training

Thursday 30th
Newbury Office