

Dear Friends

What an amazing month February was! You may recall that when I wrote last month's diary we had deep snow. We had about eight inches in all and it was both extremely beautiful and hugely disruptive. And then over the past week we have seen blue skies and summer temperatures which have left us all feeling thoroughly disorientated!

CHURCHES – Waterloooville – Thank you for praying for the Thanksgiving at the beginning of February. It was a beautiful occasion and two further families, connected with the church through the Toddlers Group, are now asking for Thanksgiving Services. I've also had one request for baptism so there is much to encourage us. Eastleigh – Please pray for us as we continue to look for a new senior minister. It's a wonderful church and will be a huge and exciting opportunity for the right person.

FAMILY – We had a really lovely week in Porlock during half term. The year has been very busy so far, so we really appreciated those peaceful and unpressurized days. C was absolutely brilliant all week and life at school has been somewhat more peaceful than previously.

I do hope you're well.

God bless you,

Jonathan

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Friday 1st
Newbury Office

Saturday 2nd
DAY OFF

Sunday 3rd
Preaching at Eastleigh Baptist Church followed by a fellowship lunch and Church Members' Meeting

Monday 4th
Mentoring in Malmesbury

Tuesday 5th
Newbury Office

Wednesday 6th
Premier Staff Meeting in London

Thursday 7th
Mentoring in Swindon
Waterlooville pastoral visits and Church Members' Meeting

Friday 8th
Newbury Office

Saturday 9th
DAY OFF

Sunday 10th
Preaching at Eastleigh Baptist Church

Monday 11th
Eastleigh Ministry Team Meeting, pastoral and Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday 12th
West Berkshire Ministers' Cluster Lunch at Amport House, the Armed Forces Chaplaincy Centre near Andover

Wednesday 13th
Speaking at the Parish Nursing Symposium at Swanwick, Derbyshire

Thursday 14th
Parish Nursing Symposium

Friday 15th
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Saturday 16th
Count Everyone In Support Group (this is the new charity supporting people with learning disabilities, and run by my good friends Pete and Christian Winmill who used to work for Prospects)

Sunday 17th
Morning - Preaching at Basingstoke Baptist Church Anniversary

Monday 18th
Reading Visits

Tuesday 19th
Newbury Office

Wednesday 20th
Mentoring in Pewsey, Wiltshire

Thursday 21st
Waterlooville pastoral visits and Deacons' Meeting

Friday 22nd
Festival of Cards – the biggest postcard fair of the year at the Bath and West Showground in Shepton Mallet, Somerset. Tom will be working with me, which is great.

Saturday 23rd
Festival of Cards

Sunday 24th
Evening – Preaching at St Nic's Parish Church, Newbury

Monday 25th
Newbury Office

Tuesday 26th
Eastleigh Deacons' Vision Meeting

Wednesday 27th
Filming in Nottingham for a revised Prayer Course for Prayer Eleven (do have a look at their website. It's a great initiative run by Jonathan Walker, the son of the Revd. Michael Walker who was vicar of the parish in which I worked during my first ministry in Suffolk)

Thursday 28th
Eastleigh Baptist Church Deacons' Vision Meeting

Friday 29th
Newbury Office

Saturday 30th
DAY OFF

Sunday 31st
Preaching at Waterloooville Baptist Church