

Dear Friends,

It has been a pleasure to hear from many of you over the last few months. It has been good to hear how you have been adjusting to the changes of life in this very strange period.

We were able to celebrate the easing of the restrictions at the beginning of July with a very happy couple of days in Devon. We stayed in a farm near Sidmouth which has become a particular favourite over the last couple of years. It was wonderful to back there and we were very grateful to Beth and Duncan who looked after C for those days. This month we will be back at the farm – this time with C. She has visited the farm before and likes it very much and we are not far from a variety of Adventure Parks that she loves.

My church and charity work continues to be mainly online but July saw a slight return to normal life with a couple of pub meals and one socially distanced meeting with church leaders. The contrast with shop life is very sharp. The antique centres where I sell my postcards and stamps have now been open for seven weeks and the lockdown period now feels like a distant memory. Sales are well down on normal but it's great to be fully back into the swing of things in that aspect of my life.

Thanks for your continuing interest and prayers.

Yours ever,

Jonathan

AUGUST DIARY

Saturday 1st
Day Off

Sunday 2nd
Preaching online for Waterloooville Baptist Church

Monday 3rd
Through the Roof Staff Prayer Meeting
Eastleigh Baptist Leadership Team Meeting

Tuesday 4th
Beth and Duncan move home! They are moving out of our home to a flat in Glasgow. Please pray for them as they settle back into Glasgow life. Beth begins her 4th and final year of her degree in September and Duncan will be in Glasgow until the theatres reopen in London.

Wednesday 5th
Interview for the Leadership File programme on Premier Radio with Andy Peck
Mentoring

Thursday 6th
Please pray for Newbury Baptist Church and our minister Richard Littledale as goes on holiday over the next couple of weeks

Friday 7th
Oxfordshire visits

Saturday 8th
Day Off

Sunday 9th
Preaching live for Waterloooville Baptist Church
Preaching a recorded sermon for Newbury Baptist Church

Monday 10th to Friday 14th
Holiday in Devon ... this was the week when C would normally have gone to her Somerset Gospel Camp. She is really sad to miss it. This would have been her fourth time there.

Saturday 15th
Day Off

Sunday 16th
Preaching live for Eastleigh Baptist Church
Preaching a recorded sermon for Newbury Baptist Church

Monday 17th
Newbury Office

Tuesday 18th
Loddon Auction – online
Meeting with the Woodley Church Leadership Team

Wednesday 19th
Gloucestershire visits

Thursday 20th
Please pray for the work of Count Everyone In, the charity which seeks to reach out to adults with learning disabilities and their families. These have been tough times for everyone, but there are many additional burdens for people with learning disability.

Friday 21st
Writing Day

Saturday 22nd
Day Off

Sunday 23rd
Preaching online for Waterloooville Baptist Church

Monday 24th
Newbury Office

Tuesday 25th
Garden meeting with minister

Wednesday 26th Oxfordshire visits

Thursday 27th
Waterlooville Baptist Church Deacons' Meeting

Friday 28th
Writing Day

Saturday 29th
Day Off

Sunday 30th
Preaching online for Waterlooville Baptist Church

Monday 31st
Newbury Office

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