

Dear Friends,

Life at present could be well described as hybrid! Some churches are meeting for worship face to face with a restricted and socially distant congregation and others are still online. The same is true of meetings, although I sense that a much higher proportion of them will stay online. They certainly offer a much more efficient way of meeting and cut out all the travelling time which for national meetings is a massive factor. Meanwhile all the antique centres are essentially back to normal. Social distancing doesn't really work and the only evidence that anything has changed is the wearing of face masks.

C was due to be on a school trip to North Wales at the moment but sadly that had to be postponed because of ongoing Covid restrictions. So C accompanied Sue and me on a short break to the Lake District which we had already booked. We had the happiest time together and enjoyed the most perfect weather – but it wasn't quite what we had planned!

PRAISE GOD! – I am delighted to inform you that last month both Waterlooville and Ashley Baptist Churches called new ministers and did so with decisive votes. It has been a long journey with Waterlooville and it has been a great privilege to get to know the fellowship so well. They have called Sandra Platford who was sent into ministry from Waterlooville and who therefore knows them very well. Meanwhile, Ashley only started looking at candidates in February after their ministers retired. They have called Andy Perryman from Slough who will be coming with his wife Kate and three children. It's an exciting moment for both churches.

FAMILY TIMES – It has been incredibly special to be able to welcome all the family to Newbury over the past couple of weeks. It is a very long time since we were all able to be together and a very precious time.

I do hope that you are keeping well and that you are being able to take advantage of the new freedoms.

Yours ever, in Christ,

Jonathan

JUNE DIARY

Tuesday 1st
Eastleigh Baptist Church Leadership Team Vision Meeting

Wednesday 2nd
Premier Staff Meeting
Sue has her second vaccination

Thursday 3rd
Waterlooville pastoral visits
Waterlooville Baptist Church Members' Meeting

Friday 4th
Swindon visits

Saturday 5th
Day Off

Sunday 6th

Preaching at Central Church, Swindon (they have been having services back in the church since Pentecost)

Monday 7th

Meeting with Peter Kerridge, CEO of Premier

Tuesday 8th

Ashley Baptist Church Deacons' Meeting

Wednesday 9th

Giving the devotional reflection at the Premier Staff Meeting. The meeting happens online every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning for 15 minutes and the Wednesday meeting is devoted to a devotional reflection. I normally attend the meeting once or twice a week.

Recording my Be Still and Know devotionals for the second half of June.

Thursday 10th

Swindon visits

Friday 11th

Meeting with Andy Peck, editor of Premier's Voice of Hope Magazine, in Reigate

Saturday 12th

Day Off

Sunday 13th

Preaching at Eastleigh Baptist Church

Monday 14th

Morning - Eastleigh Baptist Church Ministry Team Meeting online

Evening - Eastleigh Baptist Church Leadership Team Meeting online

Tuesday 15th

Oxfordshire and Northamptonshire visits

Wednesday 16th

Swindon visits

Thursday 17th

Churches for All online meeting

Friday 18th

Newbury Office

Saturday 19th

Day Off

Sunday 20th

Preaching at Ashley Baptist Church

Monday 21st

Parish Nursing Ministries UK meeting online

Funeral of Frank Davies, a member of Newbury Baptist Church. Frank was born the same year as my father and was 96. He always showed interest in my parents, and asked for me to be involved in his funeral.

Tuesday 22nd
Spurgeon's College Council Meeting online

Wednesday 23rd
Meeting with supervising social worker

Thursday 24th
Travelling to Scotland for Beth's graduation. Much of it will be online but it will be a great moment to see her friends and share the joy of the moment.
Eastleigh Church Members' Meeting online

Friday 25th
Beth's graduation

Saturday 26th
Glasgow

Sunday 27th
Preaching at Waterlooville Baptist Church online
Travelling back home from Scotland

Monday 28th
Through the Roof Staff Meeting
Mentoring

Tuesday 29th
Eastleigh Baptist Church Vision Meeting

Wednesday 30th
Herefordshire and Gloucestershire visits

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