

Dear Friends,

I am writing this from Saunton Sands Hotel and my room has the most incredible view over the vast expanse of golden sands. I am here with other ministers and pastoral leaders in Webnet (formerly the West of England Baptist Association) and it has been great to meet up with them in this amazing place. Swindon is within Webnet and it has been particularly good to come here with the other Swindon Baptist ministers.

Every month it's a great pleasure to hear from some of you but thank you for those many of you who responded last month with such generosity and thoughtfulness to all the changes that were going. It is indeed strange not to have C with us any longer, but we continue to feel a deep peace that this was the right step and the right moment. And thank you for your kind good wishes over my knee operation which seems to have gone well. Knees take some while to recover completely but I am making steady progress for which I praise the Lord.

It has been a complete delight to sing with the Newbury Choral Society again this term. We are singing St Paul by Felix Mendelssohn which is a stunning work and wonderfully tells the story of Paul's ministry. If there is any possibility of you attending our concert at St Nic's Church, Newbury on Saturday March 18th at 7.30pm that would be wonderful.

<https://www.newburychoral.org.uk/ConcertInformation.html>

Thanks as ever for your interest and support.

Yours ever,

Jonathan

JONATHAN'S MARCH DIARY

Wednesday 1st

3rd day of the Webnet Pastoral Leaders' Conference in Saunton, North Devon

Evening - giving a Lent Lecture Christ Church, Swindon entitled 'Who is Jesus? Christian Mission Today. Jesus Then and Now'

Thursday 2nd

First Thursday service and lunch at Newbury Baptist Church

Bible Study at Central Church, Swindon

Friday 3rd

I will be leading the Thanksgiving Service for Pam Hayden at Newbury Baptist Church

Saturday 4th

Count Everyone In Trustees Meeting

Sunday 5th

Preaching at Central Church, Swindon

Monday 6th

Premier Recording Session

Tuesday 7th

Newbury Office

Wednesday 8th

Parish Nursing Ministries UK Spring Webinar

Thursday 9th
Central Church Swindon's Executive Meeting

Friday 10th
Swindon Lent Lunch

Saturday 11th
Day Off

Sunday 12th
Preaching at the Church Anniversary at Basingstoke Baptist Church

Monday 13th
Newbury Office

Tuesday 14th
Morning - Strategy meeting for Count Everyone In, Newbury
Afternoon - Newbury Baptist Church Pastoral Meeting

Wednesday 15th
Oxford visit

Thursday 16th
Festival of Cards. This is the biggest postcard fair of the year and Tom will be helping me out for both days. It's being held at Juntion 24, a new business centre in Bridgwater, Somerset.

Friday 17th
Festival of Cards

Saturday 18th
7.30pm Newbury Choral Society Concert at St Nic's Church, Newbury

Sunday 19th
Preaching at Central Church, Swindon followed by a Church Members' Meeting

Monday 20th
Mentoring in Hampshire

Tuesday 21st
Woodley Church Members' Meeting

Wednesday 22nd
Newbury Office

Thursday 23rd
Swindon Bible Study and pastoral

Friday 24th
Swindon Lent Lunch

Saturday 25th /26th
Weekend away in Devon

Monday 27th
Association Meeting for Moderators. I convene this online meeting which brings together about 15 moderators.

Tuesday 28th
Mentoring in Wiltshire

Wednesday 29th
Newbury Office

Thursday 30th
Appointment with the Spinal Service. My back pain is much better than it was when I was sent to the Spinal Service - but I am still keen to learn better strategies for coping with my back.

Friday 31st
Meeting with the surgeon who conducted my knee operation
Lent Lunch in Swindon

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