

Dear Friends,

I am continually grateful for your sympathy and kindness as I battle with the challenges that Parkinson's presents. A number of you have kindly drawn my attention to the Beech Band which has recently been released by Carl Beech, a Baptist minister who has been diagnosed with early onset Parkinson's. The band is like a watch and offers a vibration which some people have found beneficial. I bought a Beech Band as soon as it was released but unfortunately I haven't found that it has given me any relief. But I'll keep trying!

This month we will be celebrating our granddaughter Flora's second birthday. She is a bright and energetic young lady and brings so much happiness to us all. Please pray for her parents Hannah and Ian and their busy life. Here in Newbury the big excitement has been the arrival of Britt a lovely tabby kitten. Tom chose her and cares for her, and we are all enjoying getting to know her. Sadly Snowy, one of our much loved rabbits, died last month.

As you can see my life continues to be reasonably busy. My health issues are considerable but I am eager that they don't dominate my life and I thank God for the privilege of being involved in a number of excellent churches and charities. The eight antique centres where I sell postcards and stamps also continue to be a source of huge interest and enjoyment. But above all I thank God for my family and friends. I am truly blessed.

Thanks for your love and prayers.

Yours ever,

Jonathan

JONATHAN'S OCTOBER DIARY

Thursday 2nd

First Thursday Service and Lunch at Newbury Baptist Church

Friday 3rd

Funeral of Beverley (the sister of Chris the Secretary of Central Church, Swindon) in Port Talbot

Monday 6th

Mentoring in Hampshire

Thursday 9th

Afternoon Bible Study at Central Church, Swindon

Evening – Count Everyone In Trustees’ Meeting online

Friday 10th

Loddon Postcard auction online

Sunday 12th

Preaching at Central Church, Swindon

Monday 13th

Morning - Premier Recording Session online

Evening – Street Pastors’ Meeting in Swindon

Tuesday 14th

Parish Nursing Ministries UK Trustees Meeting in London

Evening Bible Study at Central Church, Swindon

Wednesday 15th

Speaking at the Premier Staff Meeting online (this is at 9.15am and lasts 15 minutes. A wonderful opportunity to share a bible reflection with 60 or so members of staff)

Afternoon – Meeting of Moderators in the Southern Counties Baptist Association online

Thursday 16th

Christian Resources Exhibition

Tuesday 21st

Afternoon – Churches for All meeting online (this is the network which draws together Christian disability groups)

Evening – Woodley Baptist Church Leaders’ Meeting

Thursday 23rd

Afternoon Bible Study at Central Church, Swindon

Saturday 25th

Afternoon - Family Party to celebrate Hannah and Flora’s birthdays in London

Evening – Reunion of the 1970s Young Peoples’ Fellowship at Leigh Road Baptist Church in Essex

Sunday 26th

Preaching at Central Church Swindon

Tuesday 28th

Afternoon - Meeting with Andy Caldwell, the new Regional Minister Team Leader of WebNet

Evening Bible Study at Central Church, Swindon