

Weekly Notes for Sunday 28 June 2020

Hello everyone,

I hope you have all managed to cope with this week's hot weather. Our dog, Smartie, did not like it one bit! He complained more than the humans! He doesn't like rain either, nor paddling pools!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Unfortunately Elspeth is back in hospital with an infection in her head wound. Please remember her in your prayers.

Please do remember to let me know of any prayer requests.

REOPENING OR NOT?

As you know, Elders have decided NOT to open for private prayer.

The risk assessment I mentioned last week is ongoing and in a couple of weeks, Elders hope to make some informed decision making about Sunday morning worship using that information.

I can tell you that there are plans to open Footprints café in July in line with government guidelines. Malcolm and the girls have made a lot of changes in order to keep customers and staff safe. The café support group met a few days ago – it was really reassuring to see the details. So watch this space! More information next week!

WORSHIP

Tomorrow's Zoom service is a Go4th style service and includes Rev Dr Mike Wilson, Mike Purdy, Peter Sharpe, Eddy Boyd, Marius Mada & Nick Mada.

Like before, if you need the link or login details, please call Maggie and please be aware that the full (audio & visual) recording of this service will appear on our church website. Please try to join Zoom before 10.30am to get settled in.

June/July services (via zoom) ...

28 Jun	Go4th
05 July	Rev Sam White
12 July	Rev Deborah McVey
19 July	Rev Paul Whittle inc Holy Communion
26 July	Go4th

Please let Maggie know if you know someone who doesn't have access to the internet who would like a transcript printed from the zoom services. We currently deliver paper copies to 5 people.

ONLINE

Don't forget there is a rich selection of resources on line as highlighted in previous emails - children's activities and worship, church virtual services, Paul Whittle's blog, the URC websites, some wonderful Christian music & songs on YouTube, prayers focussing on Coronavirus, etc. Have a browse – www.urch.org.uk & www.urch-eastern.org.uk.

A PRAYER FROM NORWICH CATHEDRAL

God of compassion,
have mercy upon this nation and our world
in this time of fear and confusion:
we bring before you those who are suffering from the Coronavirus;
the aged and those who are most vulnerable
and for all who tend to their needs;
we pray for those who are now in isolation;

may know your comfort and company
and that those around them may truly love their neighbour
by prayer and in works of care and kindness;
we pray for health professionals, doctors, nurses and hospital support staff
as they answer their vocation under increasing pressure;
and we pray for those upon whose shoulders
the yoke of leadership rests,
that in their conversation and communication
your still small voice may be heard;
we ask this in the power of the Holy Spirit,
through the One who stretched out his hands to bless and to heal
even Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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Stay safe and keep well everyone! And thank you so much again for your ongoing support.

Maggie