

Weekly Notes for Sunday 20 September 2020

Hello everyone,

I hope you have had a good week and are enjoying our last few days of warm sunshine.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to hold Julie and her wider family in your prayers whilst they prepare for her Mum's funeral on Thursday 24th.

Against the odds Tony Moss has returned home after breaking his hip and surviving a very risky repair op. We thank God that Tony is still with us and his recovery is progressing to plan. Please continue to pray for Tony & Pam.

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

WORSHIP

As explained last week, we will be having a trial service which will be 'live' Sunday worship at church alongside using Zoom at the same time. That way we should be able to include everyone. We will have a booking system to keep the numbers limited in church, but more on that next week. We plan to do this trial on Sunday 4th October at 3pm with Rev Paul Whittle. After that we will be looking for your feedback and then the Elders will review that and make a decision about whether to make it a regular thing or hold off the return to church for a bit longer.

September & October services (*via zoom unless otherwise stated*) ...

20 September	Rev Deborah McVey
27 September	Go4th
4 October 3pm	Rev Paul Whittle (Zoom/live service)
11 October	Rev Dr Mike Wilson with Communion
18 October	Rev Deborah McVey
25 October	Go4th

Please let me (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.

LETTINGS

Just to let you know we are starting to welcome back some of our lettings. Musical Bumps started on Friday after a thorough risk assessment which was approved by SFC. They use the side hall on Fridays (a morning & an afternoon session) with restricted access to the rest of the building. Marlene's exercise group is close to coming back too and I will confirm those details very soon. Again she has completed a thorough risk assessment to ensure everyone's safety.

Very sadly, we had to say goodbye to Papworth Trust – it was becoming too complicated to accommodate them within our buildings alongside our other users whilst under the Covid-19 pandemic. They are working hard to find a new home. It looks like a lot of their resources will remain in their shed at the back in the short term at least. And we have said to them that we would be delighted to see them again if they were looking for a one-off letting.

Adrian and I are talking to some cleaners to ensure we have our cleaning done to a high standard in line with Covid-19. Please bear with us whilst we refine the small detail. I would like to publicly thank Adrian and Linda who cleaned for the Musical Bumps letting this week - way beyond the call of duty and something I had hoped we would avoid. Hopefully this was a one off.

ONLINE

Don't forget there is a really rich selection of resources on line as highlighted in previous emails - children's activities and worship, church virtual services, book recommendations, 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 THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE

Ephesians 1: 15-17

"For this reason, ever since I have heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people. I have not stopped giving thanks for you remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better"

Gracious Lord, we thank you for people who love us. Who have cared for us and been there for us (*Take a few seconds of silence to picture them*).

Thank you for their advice, their kindness and their prayers.

We thank you for your love for us that you have no favourites but you constantly love us fully and unreservedly. Help us to love others in your name.

Lord in this time of change and uncertainty, grant us wisdom and revelation. That we may make good decisions for ourselves and for others.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

Please remember to share this email with others you know who don't receive email.

Stay safe and keep well everyone! And be kind to each other.

Maggie

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