

Weekly Notes for Sunday 3 January 2021

Hello everyone,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope you had a good Christmas and New Year despite the challenges and restrictions we face.

Please note that now we are in Tier 4, all meetings and activities in our buildings have been suspended including the café. Funerals however, will go ahead as allowed under Tier4 guidelines.

CHAPLAINCY VOLUNTEERS

Addenbrooke's Hospital is looking for more Chaplaincy Lay Visitors – volunteers. Here are links to some documents describing more about the role and the training involved (initially via Zoom).

[Chaplaincy Role Description](#),
[Letter to Clergy Re Chaplaincy Volunteers course](#),
[Chaplaincy Advert - Volunteers course](#)

Please have a look and if you feel it's for you, please contact the chaplaincy dept. You can also talk to me, Mary or Deborah – Mary and I are chaplaincy volunteers, and up to recently Deborah was one of the chaplains and is still involved to some extent.

WORSHIP

Because we have moved into Tier 4, we have had to drop plans for a second trial zoom/live service this month and for the foreseeable future. We will continue to use Zoom only for a while yet.

Tomorrow morning's service is being led by Rev Paul Whittle. He's not quite left for Scotland yet so we have him preaching tomorrow and on the 10th before we have to let him go!

It's the usual link. If you need it, please email Maggie. The full recording of the service will appear on the Services page of the [church website](#).

January Services – all Zoom

3 January	1030	Rev Paul Whittle
10 January	1030	Rev Paul Whittle with Holy Communion (Paul's final service with us)
17 January	1030	Rev Dr Mike Wilson – Covenant Service
24 January	1030	Go4th
31 January	1030	Rev Deborah McVey (who is our new Interim Moderator)

PRAYER REQUESTS

We continue to pray for those who are recently bereaved.

We pray for the family of Bob Hocken who passed away three weeks ago. His funeral will be at Sawston Free Church on Monday 11th January and will be led by Rev Deborah McVey.

And please remember the family of Raymond (Danny) Matthews who passed away on 11th December. Rev Paul Whittle will lead his funeral on Monday 11th January at Sawston Cemetery.

Please continue to pray for friends and family who are struggling with their health, young and old.

And please pray for Malcolm, Anj and Katie whilst they have had to close the café again whilst we are in Tier 4.

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

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, the URC websites, some wonderful Christian music & songs on YouTube, prayers focussing on Coronavirus, etc. Have a look at www.urc-eastern.org.uk and also www.urc.org.uk.

A PRAYER

FROM THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY, JUSTIN WELBY

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen

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

Keep safe and warm, and look after yourselves.

Maggie XX