

Dear Friends

Well, here we are, at the end of July, and as lockdown has eased (including for our shielded friends from 1 August), and people are thinking of getting away, we thought we would have a break as well. So, this will be our last newsletter for a while, certainly throughout August. It will also be the last week for a few weeks for the Wednesday phone calls to those who normally attend Wednesday services.

In September, we'll be writing to you all with the new protocols for going back to church on 13th September, a date, which at the moment, we look forward to with excitement and trepidation! But, be assured, the building will be as safe as it can possibly be; your safety and well-being is the most important thing to us. The preparations have begun to get the building ready as we mentioned last week, but we also need to work out many practicalities, such as safely distanced seating and the logistics of what form Sunday services will take. At the moment we have no plans to offer Wednesday services.

We've written 20 letters over the months, and it's been lovely sharing our thoughts with you, and hopefully, keeping us together as the All Saints family. Our virtual church services have been wonderful, we are so blessed to have Ali, Neil, Claire, Chris and Phil leading us in worship week after week. It's been a huge commitment and they've done an amazing job. The virtual services will continue throughout August, into September and beyond, please join in each week if you can.

Please be assured that we continue to pray for you all and if you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Don't forget, the Prayer Chain is available for any emergencies, a phone call or text message to either of us or Kate Lancaster (all numbers in the Directory) will have a large group of people praying for your situation right away. Many of us are hearing from friends all over the world and many unfamiliar names are mentioned in prayer requests but we are all God's children and as such we can pray for those we don't know personally because they are all known to God and He cares for them.



For you are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. for through faith you are all sons of God in Christ Jesus. All of you are God's children because of your faith in Christ Jesus. It is through faith that all of you are God's children in union with Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:26

The Grace Food Bank, which we have supported for many years now, is particularly stretched at this time of year, and Liz and I thought it would be good to have a special collection for it. Ann Powell is happy to receive cash or cheques (made out to 'Grace Food Bank') through her letterbox (120 Baslow Road) and so are we. If you can't get out and would like someone to collect a donation please get in touch with one of us. Alternatively, you can give via PayPal by going to the Grace Food Bank website and clicking on 'Donations'

Currently there is quite a lot of anxiety about a second wave of the virus sweeping through a number of countries and also local outbreaks. This pandemic has taught us that we need to be alert and continue to

do all we can to protect ourselves and others. What that will look like will vary from one person to another but the basic rules of hand washing and social distancing and mask wearing are still in place. Please hold the situation in your prayers and ensure that you stay safe and well.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. (Romans 12:12)

With love

Liz and Angela

P.S **The missing word in last week's quiz was 'Rams**