

Dear Friends,

Although our region is now in Tier 3 for restrictions our ability to hold services in church has not been affected. This year we will not be going to the war memorial on **Remembrance Sunday** but there will be a service in church starting at **10.15am** and we will observe the two minutes silence at 11am.

Since we have been back in the church building on Sundays we have missed having the children with us, though it has been good to be joined by some of the young people. Thanks to Liz Hardie for the following update on behalf of the team. Please continue to pray for Soulroots members and leaders and all our families, especially at the start of half-term.

Kids work update 20th October 2020

We have not been able to carry out any children's work at Totlely All Saints since lockdown started in March. However, we were able to send some chocolate to all our children and young people at Easter.

The older teenagers are meeting online regularly with Soulroots, led by Mell Camateras. Each week they meet socially on a Tuesday evening and for a bible study or discussion on a Sunday evening. We're really thankful that all of the young people who attended Soulroots prior to lockdown have continued regularly with the online sessions.

For our younger children (pre- school and primary school aged children) we distributed gift bags this week to remind them and their families that we were thinking of them and praying for them. The bags contained an age appropriate Christian book and ideas for prayers or discussions about faith. There were bags for four different age ranges (babies, toddlers, infant school, junior school.)

Care for the Family are organising an online event, "Give Netflix a night off", described as "A light-hearted event about the ups and downs of raising under twelves." See link below for details.

https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/events-online-2/primary-parenting?utm_source=2nd-Hit&utm_medium=PPT&utm_campaign=PPT&utm_term=PPT&utm_content=PPT

Another thing we have missed during lockdown has been the opportunity to bring our donations for **David Kereto's** work in Kenya so this Sunday (25th) the basket will be at the back of church. The money will be sent off as soon as possible as the needs are greater than ever. The PCC plan to discuss charitable

giving at November's meeting so hopefully we will be sending a further contribution. Whilst on the subject of money, Ian Halliday, our treasurer, has had one or two requests for more detailed accounts than the overview at the APCM and is happy to provide copies of the audited accounts to anyone who requests them.

As we live with the new (or returning) restrictions, please keep on making the phone calls to keep in touch, especially to people who are not able to get out. We know they are greatly appreciated.

Finally, don't forget that the clocks go back this weekend!

With love from Ann & James.