



February 2021

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Dear Friends,

I write to check in with you and send my good wishes to you. I miss you all and do pray you are keeping safe and staying as well as you can.

This lockdown has been more difficult for many of us especially as we realise we are coming up on being closed for worship for a whole calendar year. More difficult is the knowledge that there have been now over 100,000 deaths in our land; a terrible disturbing number of grieving heartbroken people mourning dear loved ones.

*The Archbishops of York and Canterbury and the President and Vice President of our Methodist Conference have encouraged us to pause and pray and reflect every night at **6 p.m.** thinking of those affected by Covid 19 and the unprecedented level of grief and sorrow in our communities.*

<https://inews.co.uk/news/uk/covid-deaths-archbishop-canterbury-york-uk-reflection-letter-full-846170>

Can I offer this to you as an important way for us to minister to our local community, to pray as 'an expression of love', to stand with those so affected by the pandemic. Within our own number are those who have had the virus themselves and we all I am sure know of others too, each will testify to the awful effects of this pandemic.

I meet with a family in just two days time who have to organise a funeral for a loved one who died alone while her husband of over 60 years was in a separate ward unable to see his wife or anyone else; their sorrow and grief is unimaginable, yet is multiplied over 100,000 times across our nation.

I hope you will join me in prayer and reflection every night the rest of this month.

God bless you

Joe *Rev'd Joseph Neil Adams*

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

Margaret and Keith Clubb – their son, Stephen, bravely fighting cancer; Christine Firmin, Jeanette Gutteridge and Graham Chapman – following the recent death of their mothers, Pat Baker and Ann Chapman.

NEW TOWN FOODBANK SATELLITE

A joint venture between us, St. Stephen's and the Colchester Foodbank, run out of St. Stephen's has been running since September. The message is getting out there that we are open but with the current Lockdown and more people losing their jobs / being furloughed - demand is expected to rise.

Furthermore, with Moorside closing and the main Foodbank depot moving to Stanway, we (and Greenstead) expect to see more people coming to us from our side of town.

MAKE LUNCH

Christine and Edward continue to work really hard with the Make Lunch parcels and the recipients are really grateful for the help and care shown, especially over Christmas. In December we managed to secure two additional lots of grant funding and this together with another very generous donation and some money from TLG means that this project remains self-funding and in pretty good financial shape right now.

Having spoken to the Foodbank we are hopeful that they might also be able to assist us in the short term with some food stocks which would also be helpful.

Food parcels are now being delivered fortnightly as opposed to weekly, but with larger amounts, which provide the equivalent of **930 meals delivered to 16 families**.

These are excellent pieces of outreach work and help us, the Church, to share God's love in a really practical way into the local community.

MEMORIAL PAGE

We recognise that for some this is a very sad time suffering the loss of loved ones; and for many, not even being able to say goodbye the way that you would normally have wanted to.

We have opened up a Memorial Page on our website and if you would like to remember somebody you have lost we invite you to use this space. Naturally, there will be no cost associated with this. We simply ask that you e-mail a picture of the person you wish to remember together with some words that you would like to share and we will arrange to add this to the Memorial Page.

Please e-mail requests to: wimpoleroadmc@gmail.com

We suggest that the words might include something similar to that you might see in the newspaper, but with a short "story" of their life, if you wish, and are happy to share this. Please remember that this is a public website so anybody will be able to see and read your entry.

Please feel free to share this information. If you have any questions, please feel free to email us at the address above, Facebook message us or use the Contact Us on the website <https://wimpoleroadchurch.org.uk/>

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www.wimpolesroadchurch.org.uk

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**TO CHURCH I'LL GO**

Should I go to church this morn?  
They say, "*Wrap up, to keep thee warm,  
as all the doors be opened wide,  
lest Covid 19 stays inside*".

We'll sing no hymns, and all wear masks,  
sitting apart (if souls should ask).  
Just thirty minutes it'll last –  
so listening quietly – we'll sit fast.

Taking my envelope, for the collect,  
I'll greet our reverend with respect.  
I've been so long in solitude –  
not to go would just be rude.

So, wrapped up warm and wearing mask –  
I'm going now, if thee should ask.  
Our church is careful that is true,  
I'll probably just catch the flu!

*{Written in October 2020 by Pat Farrow in 'Olde English'}*

**THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO STAY IN TOUCH  
WITH OTHER CHURCH FRIENDS.**

Please don't forget, if you have stories or items that you would like to contribute to future monthly Newsrounds please contact me by phone, e-mail or post.  
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**WORKING TOGETHER**



**PRAYER MEETING**      **Tuesday 10.00 - 10.30 a.m.**

Meeting number: **195 594 506** password **011904**

Using the Northumbria Community Morning Prayer

**BIBLE STUDY**      **Thursday 7.30 - 8.30 p.m.**

Meeting number: **780 700 295** password **011904**

Join on line via Zoom or

Dial in from your phone on:

**0203 051 2874, 0203 481 5237, 0203 481 5240 or 0131 460 1196**

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**FACEBOOK LIVE SUNDAY SERVICE**

**EVERY SUNDAY at 11.00 A.M.**

**Expertly led by either Rev. Joe Adams; Jonathan Sparkes or Joanne Eckersley.**

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**SUNDAY SERVICE REPLAY**

This is available for anyone unable to access the weekly Live Facebook service via the internet or web-site.

This is hosted via Zoom and allows people to simply dial into the call from their telephones.

We run this at **2.30 p.m.** every Sunday afternoon, normally hosted by Debbie.

Dial in details are set out below:

**Phone numbers to use to dial in:**

**0203 051 2874, 0203 481 5237, 0203 481 5240**

**or 0131 460 1196**

**Meeting ID: 458 171 4255** {Password if needed is **011904**}