

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your support and interest. Every month it's a blessing to hear from some of you and it's always a real pleasure to hear your news.

FAMILY - Bethany passed her driving test during March - for which we greatly praise the Lord! The big news for April is that Hannah is running in the London Marathon. Hannah has never been the sportiest of people (as she would be the first to admit!) but she has enjoyed doing a lot of running over the last few years. She is running for the charity Child Bereavement UK. Many of you will recall that five years ago this month our niece Zoe died tragically, and the charity has been a great support to Zoe's family. If you would like to donate that would wonderful. Here's the link ...
www.virginmoneygiving.com/hannah-edwards-cbuk

CAVERSHAM BAPTIST - The search for a new minister has started in earnest. We interviewed two candidates last month and have invited one to preach in May. Much as I have grown to love the folk at Caversham this would be a wonderful time for a new full-time ministry to begin. The opportunities are enormous.

ABBEY BAPTIST - The search for a minister continues but it is proving a hard task. Please pray that we will know God's encouragement and inspiration as we seek his guidance for this town centre church.

DISABILITY - The past month has given me some superb opportunities for engaging with Christian disability issues. The Torch Staff Day on 2nd March was a particular highlight. More than 40 staff met at the superb offices in Market Harborough and it was a thoroughly encouraging day. I was thrilled by the response to the training day (4th March) that I did in Milton Keynes on "welcoming people with additional needs". There was a very good turn-out and an enthusiastic response. And it was a blessing to attend the Churches for All meeting in London on March 14th. The committee seeks to offer co-ordination to Christian disability initiatives. The particular highlight of that meeting was that my friend the Revd Glen Graham from Cullompton Baptist Church was invited to become its new chairman. Glen has been blind from birth and is an incredibly gifted minister.

Thank you for your interest and prayers ... and for the way in which you seek to keep up to speed with my constantly changing portfolio ministry!

Blessings,

Jonathan

JONATHAN'S PRAYER DIARY
APRIL 2017

Saturday 1st Day Off

Sunday 2nd Preaching at Caversham Baptist Church

Monday 3rd Abbey Baptist Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday 4th Caversham day – Morning Bible Study,
Ecumenical Ministers' Lunch, Pastoral and
Leaders' Prayer Mtg.

Wednesday 5th Mentoring session with minister in Northamptonshire
Herefordshire visit

Thursday 6th Mentoring session with minister in Berkshire

Friday 7th Meeting minister in Hampshire

Saturday 8th Day Off

Sunday 9th Preaching at Whitchurch Baptist Church, Hants.

Monday 10th Sharing a testimony at the afternoon and evening
session of "The Disciple's Way" – a 6 week
discipleship training course at Newbury Baptist Ch.

Tuesday 11th Caversham day – Morning Bible Study, Reading Baptist
ministers' lunch, and Caversham Leaders' Meeting

Wednesday 12th Postcard fair in Cirencester

Thursday 13th Newbury Office

Friday 14th Good Friday Service followed by a Walk of Witness in
Caversham

Saturday 15th Day Off

Sunday 16th Preaching at Caversham Baptist Church

Monday 17th Bank Holiday Monday

Tuesday 18th Holiday

Wednesday 19th C's review
Abbey Baptist Church Members' Meeting

Thursday 20th Auction in Newbury

Friday 21st Holiday

Saturday 22nd Holiday

Sunday 23rd Preaching at Newbury Baptist Church and then we dash
to London to see Hannah who is running the London
Marathon

Monday 24th Mentoring session in Eton

Tuesday 25th Caversham Bible Study
 Meeting with Torch Trust colleagues in Market
 Harborough
 Torch Trust Board

Wednesday 26th Torch Trust Board

Thursday 27th Newbury Office
 Churches Together in Caversham AGM

Friday 28th West Berkshire Ministers' Cluster

Saturday 29th Day Off

Sunday 30th Worshipping at Newbury Baptist Church