

Dear Friends,

Thanks for your continued prayers and interest. Months like September emphasize the need for it.

HEALTH - On 15th September I was rushed into hospital with cellulitis. No idea where it came from but my right leg was in a bad state and they kept me in hospital for 48 hours. For a further 10 days I had to go into hospital daily to receive antibiotics intravenously. The infection has now cleared, but the whole experience was pretty exhausting. As ever the NHS was absolutely brilliant and I thank God for prompt, friendly and effective treatment.

BETH has quickly settled into her new life in Glasgow and is loving the course and the church plant which they are involved in. Sue is loving her new car, a VW Golf, and was more than happy to give it a good run up to Scotland.

PREMIER - I am enjoying doing some work with Premier as their Churches Ambassador. With over a million listeners a week and tens of thousands reading their magazines, they are a major player on the UK church scene. If you have any reflections on Premier - good, bad or indifferent - I would be more than happy to hear from you. I will be giving them about two days a month.

POSTCARDS AND STAMPS - Many of the ministries that I exercise do not pay! That's absolutely fine, but I continue to be really grateful for the postcards and stamps which are selling well. I now have them for sale in ten different antique centre outlets and that is going really well, and takes about a day a week. A real tent-making role.

ZEPHYR, our Labrador, is well known to many of you. Today is his 14th birthday! Born in Slapton, Devon he has never done a day of work in his life and he continues to bring us much pleasure. He enjoys good health for an old dog.

Thanks, as ever, for your news. It's always good to hear how you are.

Blessings,

Jonathan

#### JONATHAN'S PRAYER DIARY OCTOBER 2017

Sunday 1st

Preaching at the harvest service at Caversham Baptist Church

Monday 2nd

Meeting with the regional Parish Nurse team in New Milton, Hampshire  
Abbey Baptist Church Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday 3rd

Caversham Day – Morning Bible Study; ecumenical clergy lunch; pastoral; and  
Leaders' Meeting

Wednesday 4th

Staff Meeting at Premier's offices in London

Thursday 5th  
Oxford visits

Friday 6th  
Newbury Office

Saturday 7th  
Lowestoft Baptist Church – various meetings

Sunday 8th  
Preaching at Lowestoft Baptist Church

Monday 9th  
Membership Explained – part 2 – at Caversham Baptist Church

Tuesday 10th  
Caversham Day – Morning Bible Study; Baptist cluster ministers' lunch;  
Pastoral and Leaders' Prayer Meeting

Wednesday 11th  
Abbey Baptist Church, Reading, Church Members' Meeting

Thursday 12th  
Postcard Auction in Newbury (the one run by Thomas Plant, for those who watch  
Bargain Hunt!)

Friday 13th  
Day off

Saturday 14th  
Wycliffe Baptist Church Leaders' conference

Sunday 15th  
Preaching at Caversham Baptist Church

Monday 16th  
Meeting with Through the Roof, Epsom  
Meeting a candidate for ministry at Caversham

Tuesday 17th  
Caversham – Bible Study and pastoral  
Then travel to the Torch Trust Holiday and Retreat Centre in Hurstpierpoint, Sussex for  
their Trustee Retreat (I am not a trustee but am advising the trustees on some  
particular issues)

Wednesday 18th  
Torch Trustees' Retreat

Thursday 19th  
Torch Trustees' Retreat

Friday 20th

Torch Trustees' Retreat

(Sue is going off with some friends to Spa in Belgium for a Citroen 2CV 24 hour race!! Sue has had a fondness for the car for many years!!)

Saturday 21st

Day off

Sunday 22nd

Worshipping at Newbury Baptist Church

Monday 23rd

Newbury Office (and Sue returns!)

Tuesday 24th

Caversham Day – Morning Bible Study; pastoral; Leaders' Prayer meeting

Wednesday 25th

Meetings at Torch House, Market Harborough

Thursday 26th

Premier visits

Friday 27th

Newbury Office

Saturday 28th

Day off

Sunday 29th

Preaching at Stourport Baptist Church Anniversary

Monday 30th

Newbury Office

Tuesday 31st

Caversham Day – Morning Bible Study; pastoral; Leaders' Prayer meeting