

Dear Friends

I do hope your year has got off to a good start. I struggle to think that January has gone!

CHURCHES – I managed to confuse some of you last month with references to Ashley Baptist Church, New Milton. No, I haven't started moderating a third church! However, I have agreed to walk with Ashley on a low level basis as they begin to prepare for the retirement of their ministry couple, David and Alison John, next year. It may well be that I will become their moderator or transitional minister but that will depend on Eastleigh or Waterlooville finding a new minister. Sadly, the splendid candidate who preached at Waterlooville decided not to proceed with the church. But happily Eastleigh will be interviewing a candidate at the end of this month. Much to pray about.

WIDER FAMILY – You will recall that we visited my sister Jane in Tanzania last autumn. One of the reasons for visiting was that we knew that this would be her last year in the country. The Department for International Development move their staff on after two or three years, and so they did very well to stay in Tanzania for four years! She has just heard that her new posting will be in India, and she and Rob are delighted. They will be based in New Delhi and after decades focused on Africa, they are excited at the prospect of exploring a completely different continent. Jane's twin sister Sue (they are nine years younger than me) is married to Steve and Steve's dad celebrated his 100th birthday last month. He is agile in mind and body and is simply amazing for his age.

Thanks for your love and prayers. I'm regularly touched by the careful way in which so many people follow my diary.

Have a great month,

Yours ever,

Jonathan

## FEBRUARY DIARY

Saturday 1st  
DAY OFF

Sunday 2nd  
Preaching at Waterlooville Baptist Church

Monday 3rd  
Newbury Office

Tuesday 4th  
Mentoring in Wiltshire

Wednesday 5th  
Meetings at Premier offices in London

Thursday 6th  
Mentoring in Hampshire  
Waterlooville Baptist Church Members' Meeting

Friday 7th  
DAY OFF

Saturday 8th  
Waterlooville Baptist Church Deacons' Away Morning

Sunday 9th  
Preaching at Lyndhurst Baptist Church in the New Forest

Monday 10th  
Southern Counties Baptist Association Leaders' Conference in Cheltenham

Tuesday 11th  
Leaders' Conference

Wednesday 12th  
Leaders' Conference

Thursday 13th  
Waterlooville Baptist Church Deacons' Meeting

Friday 14th  
Newbury Office

Saturday 15th  
Going with Tom to see Harry Potter and the Cursed Child at the Palace Theatre in Shaftesbury Avenue in which our son in law, Duncan, is appearing

Sunday 16th  
Preaching at Eastleigh Baptist Church

Monday 17th to Saturday 22nd  
Half Term Holiday

Sunday 23rd  
Preaching at Woodley Baptist Church  
Chairing Church Members' Meeting at Woodley Baptist Church

Monday 24th  
Eastleigh Baptist Church day

Tuesday 25th  
Oxford visits

Wednesday 26th  
Cluster Ministers' Lunch at Newbury Baptist Church  
Interview with candidate at Eastleigh Baptist Church

Thursday 27th  
Newbury Office

Friday 28th  
Newbury Office

Saturday 29th  
DAY OFF

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