

Dear Friends,

I do hope that you are well and that you are enjoying all the delights of spring. It's such a joy to have longer days and to see the gardens and countryside bursting with new life.

KNEE - I saw the consultant yesterday and he considers that I am making good progress however I am still experiencing considerable discomfort and sleeping is very hard work. Surgery was six weeks ago so none of this is unusual, but I am looking forward to seeing some improvement over the coming month.

CENTRAL CHURCH, SWINDON - We are continuing to experience many encouragements at Central. Almost every Sunday we see new people attending our services and we have now opened up a Community Café every Monday morning which is going really well. We are so blessed to have a very splendid coffee shop on the ground floor with glass doors opening on to a busy pedestrianised part of central Swindon. It has been particularly good to welcome a lively Brazilian Baptist Church to use our premises over the past few months. They worship in Portuguese and meet at 4pm on a Sunday.

C - We have had happy contact with C over the past month. She seems to have settled well into her new home and when she came back to our house, a couple of weeks ago, to collect her much loved rabbits she was very relaxed and calm. Her new foster mother asked Sue if she would take C home from school a few days ago and that all went very smoothly. We really praise the Lord that this potentially difficult transition has happened so calmly.

Thanks as ever for your interest and support.

Yours ever,

Jonathan

JONATHAN'S APRIL DIARY

Saturday 1st

Men's Breakfast at Newbury Baptist Church

Sunday 2nd

Preaching at Waterlooville Baptist Church

Monday 3rd

Premier Recording Session

Tuesday 4th

Newbury Office

Wednesday 5th

Speaking at the Premier Staff Morning Meeting

Thursday 6th

Leading the service at the First Thursday Lunch at Newbury Baptist Church
Afternoon - Review Meeting with the Brazilian Church at Central Swindon
Evening - Leading the Maundy Thursday Service at Central Church, Swindon

Friday 7th

Preaching at Central Church, Swindon's Good Friday Service

Saturday 8th

Day Off

Sunday 9th

Preaching at Central Church, Swindon's Easter Service

Monday 10th

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 11th

Newbury Baptist Pastoral Meeting

Wednesday 12th
Herefordshire visits

Thursday 13th
Bible Study at Central Swindon

Friday 14th
Newbury Office

Saturday 15th
Day Off

Sunday 16th to Thursday 20th
Visiting Saddleback Church in California

Friday 21st
Mentoring in Eton

Saturday 22nd
Day Off

Sunday 23rd
Preaching at Central Church, Swindon

Monday 24th
Meeting with Peter Kerridge, CEO of Premier Radio

Tuesday 25th
Afternoon - Review Meeting with Big Breakfast Plus at Central Church, Swindon
Evening - Meeting with Woodley Baptist Church Leadership Team

Wednesday 26th
Afternoon - Spurgeon's College Council Meeting
Evening - Spurgeon's College Governors' Meeting

Thursday 27th
Funeral of Hazel Richards in Swindon (Hazel was 95 and was one of the foundation members of Central Church, Swindon. She had come from Ilford where she had been married just after the Second World War by George Beasley-Murray, a fact of which she was inordinately proud!)

Friday 28th to Monday 1st May
Staying at our cottage in Sidmouth, Devon