

Dear Friends,

What a summer! I do hope you are managing all right in the heat, but it's quite hard work isn't it?

Last month saw the surprising death of my good friend Andy Peck. Andy was, for a while, editor of Premier's Voice of Hope magazine which contains my daily bible reflections. A gentle and kind man he will be greatly missed. He died after a very short illness. He was 63 and leaves a wife, Nicola, and adopted sons Josh and Cam. Over the years we often met for lunch and I will miss his kindness and thoughtful encouragement.

Warning. From time to time I hear from some of you to say that this prayer diary has gone into your spam box. This is because it is sent out to many people and the internet is suspicious of large mailings. So if you don't get the diary on the first of any month it would always be worth checking your spam.

Thank you so much for your love and support.

God bless you,

Jonathan

AUGUST DIARY

Saturday 1st
Nordic Walking

Sunday 2nd
Morning – Preaching at Central Church, Swindon followed by a Church Members' Meeting
Evening – Playing in the band at St Nic's, Newbury. My fingers are noticeably stiffer than they used to be – but I can still play.

Monday 3rd
Herefordshire and Worcestershire visits

Tuesday 4th
Swindon visits

Wednesday 5th
The Funeral of Andy Peck at St Mary's Church, Reigate

Thursday 6th
Afternoon Bible Study at Central Church, Swindon

Friday 7th
Postcard Auction near Reading – I continue to have eight outlets selling old postcards and stamps in antique centres. They are all doing well although the heat has slowed down sales.

Monday 10th
Physio appointment to explore ways of helping with my stiffness

Tuesday 11th

Evening Bible Study Group at Central Church, Swindon

Wednesday 12th

Oxford visit

Thursday 13th

Parish Nursing Ministries Prayer Meeting

Sunday 16th

Preaching at Central Church, Swindon

Wednesday 19th

Speaking at the online Premier Staff Morning Meeting

Thursday 20th

Afternoon Bible Study Group at Central Church, Swindon

Friday 21st

Wedding of Jamie Reeves to Ellen at St Mary's Church, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon.

Jamie is a good friend and is the minister of Rodbourne Cheney Baptist Church

Sunday 23rd

Going to see son in law Duncan in a production of She Stoops to Conquer at Boston Manor Park, Brentford

Monday 24th

Mentoring online – up until now I have only mentored people face to face (apart from Covid) but I am now mentoring two online because they live at a significant distance from me.

Tuesday 25th

Evening Bible Study Group at Central Church, Swindon

Wednesday 26th

Going to see son in law Duncan in a production of Pirates of Penzance at Boston Manor Park, Brentford

Friday 28th

Mentoring online

Saturday 29th

Induction of Revd Tony Brookes as the new Methodist Superintendent for the Upper Thames Circuit

Sunday 30th

Preaching at Central Church, Swindon