

Dear Friends,

Thank you for all your kind messages about Oattie, our new granddaughter, who is eight weeks old today. She is doing really well and I thought you would like to see a recent picture of her.

One major event last month was the sale of our holiday cottage in Sidmouth. We have absolutely loved having the cottage but the increasing number and complexity of regulations on such properties persuaded us to put it on the market. A lot of other people are also withdrawing from the holiday market so the sale took longer than expected. However, we have now completed the sale and the new owner is delighted with the property which has brought her closer to her family. They live over the road! She has moved from Berkshire!!

September was a busy month and full of good things. It has been great to welcome Deacon Tessa as my new colleague in Swindon. The Thanksgiving Service for Spurgeon's College was a sad but dignified occasion and it was wonderful to meet up with many old (in every sense!) friends. And the Parish Nursing Symposium at Swanwick was a superb and very encouraging occasion with a large number of new nurses. October looks *relatively* quiet ... but time will tell!

Thank you so much for your love and support.

God bless you,

Jonathan

OCTOBER DIARY

Thursday 1st

Premier Recording Session

Speaking at the First Thursday Service at Newbury Baptist Church

Afternoon Bible Study at Central Church, Swindon

Friday 2nd

Mentoring in Wiltshire

Saturday 3rd

Men's Breakfast at Newbury Baptist Church

Sunday 4th

Morning - Preaching at Central Church, Swindon

Afternoon – Service at St Matthew's Church, Southcote, Reading where a Parish Nurse is going to be welcomed

Monday 5th

Mentoring in Hampshire

Tuesday 6th

Good News 4 Swindon Prayer Breakfast in Swindon

Evening Bible Study at Central Church, Swindon

Thursday 8th

Starting a 5 week course of physio for people with Parkinson's at the Royal Berks Hospital in Reading

Friday 9th

Funeral of the husband of one of our members at Central Church, Swindon

Sunday 11th

Preaching at Leigh Road Baptist Church in Essex. My original home church.

Monday 12th

Northamptonshire visit

Tuesday 13th

Parish Nursing Ministries UK Trustees' Meeting online

Wednesday 14th

Speaking at the Premier Media morning staff meeting

Thursday 15th

Physio Course in Reading

Afternoon Bible Study at Central Church, Swindon

Friday 16th

Mentoring in Eton

Baptist ministers' cluster lunch in Swindon

Saturday 17th

Count Everyone Trustees' Meeting in Newbury

Sunday 18th

Morning – Preaching at Central Church, Swindon

Evening – Preaching at the Churches Together in Newbury joint evening service at St Nic's

Monday 19th

Mentoring in Hampshire

Tuesday 20th

Big Breakfast Plus Review meeting in Swindon. They continue to welcome 80 to 100 guests every day and are blessed to have about 85 volunteers. Amazing!

Thursday 22nd

Physio Course in Reading

Churches Together in Swindon Central meeting

Thursday 29th

Physio Course in Reading

Afternoon Bible Study at Central Church, Swindon