

Dear friends,

I do hope and pray that this email finds things well with you and your families. It seems so long since we have all been able to meet together in person, and I miss seeing you all! However, I am very grateful that we have means of contact like this to keep in touch. Please do remember that you can contact me or Jonathan Ford if you feel we could help you in any way at this time, if you would like to make a prayer request or to simply have a chat! If you know of anyone who does not receive these emails and would like to be on the church email list, please encourage them to contact Jonathan Corwin j@corwin.co.uk to be added to the database.

Here are the key “notices” for this week!

Bible study group online

In last week’s service, Jonathan asked anyone who might be interested in an online prayer/ bible study group to make contact with him – revdjonathanford@gmail.com.

Christian Aid

I found the Christian Aid service on 10th May very moving and thought provoking. While Covid 19 poses significant challenges for us in the UK, these challenges are amplified even further in poorer countries of the world. Many thanks to Howard and Jane Scott for their continued hard work in bringing Christian Aid to our attention, and I am delighted to report that the total on our church “Just giving” page for Christian Aid is going up all the time! Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed – it is not an easy time for many financially, so your kindness means a great deal. We will also be donating £750 from general church funds to help us reach Howard’s target of £2000.... The link to our “Just Giving” page is <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ccmhchristianaid>

Sunday 17th May

I hope that many of you will be able to join us again for our online service this coming Sunday at 10:30am. You do not need to be a member of Facebook to access the service, just follow this link in your browser: <https://www.facebook.com/christchurchmoretonhall/live>

The service (along with other past services and Jonathan’s “Thought for the Day” talks) will then be available long-term to watch on the church website.

Supporting the wider community

As need arises, the local council makes contact with Jonathan Ford to ask for our church’s support with vulnerable people in the Moreton Hall community (to help with shopping, phone calls to those who may be lonely etc...). One person has already been supported with shopping. If anyone might be willing to help as and when further requests arise, please let Jonathan know – thank you. We are aware that so many of you will already be supporting neighbours/ friends/ family in so many different ways. Although such a difficult time, hasn’t this current situation bought out so many wonderful acts of generosity, kindness and love.... Even the smallest acts of care can make a big difference to someone ☺

Thy Kingdom Come – 21st to 31st May 2020

Jonathan Ford has asked me to include this important message:

During Pentecost, 21st to 31st May, people from the whole nation and many countries around the world will be praying for the whole world to come out of Covid-19 and for evangelism. This is part of the Thy Kingdom Come initiative which we have been part of for the last five years when millions, if not billions, of people join in. Please go to <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/> for more information and loads of great resources and the Thy kingdom Come app.

There is now a kids' app which has a wonderful toy which encourages young people to pray. Those of you with younger members in your family will really enjoy it. I know Archbishop Justin plays too! It will continue after the special ten days of prayer.

I do hope the whole church will join in praying with Thy Kingdom Come this year, as the Kingdom of God has become a very important feature of our church life together

God bless you all, please don't hesitate to get in touch if we can help you in any way
With my love and very best wishes

Heather x

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