



Hebrews 3:13 ~ *But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called today*

Did you know that over these last weeks of lockdown around 35 different people from the fellowship have participated in our Sunday service on Zoom, encouraging with Prayer, Praise, Communion and the Message.

Beyond that those who are not on Zoom have been listening to and sharing the message on Facebook, the viewing figures have been between over 100 and 250 each week.

Our communal meal (soup) has distributed 198 portions amongst us and gave us the opportunity to see a friendly face at our door.

As a fellowship we have also blessed the Free Church, Baptist Church and the Apostolic Church with soup for their members, some of them even used this to bless their neighbours.

A couple of House Groups have continued to meet each week as well as the Tuesday evening Zoom meeting, which has given a greater opportunity for sharing our lives with a smaller number.

The Alpha course was completed on line by those who had been attending. During the summer holidays the Tuesday evening Zoom meeting will continue while the house groups are off.

I am also aware of a good number of people who have been sending encouraging emails, cards and messages to individuals who have been unable to get online. I am so grateful to God for belonging to a wonderful group of believers, I consider myself blessed because without your continued participation we would not be having any meaningful fellowship during a time of separation.

Thank you all for honouring the word of God, **Hebrews 10:24-25**
And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching

God bless you, Alan <><

Bethlehem House of Bread

David and Alathia have been running the clothes bank in House of Bread for over 9 years and have helped thousands of people with clothes textiles and household goods. Alongside the support and welcoming they brought to other volunteers and everyone who came along to the foodbank.

Because of the pandemic and the new restrictions they can no longer continue this service at the moment. The Blessings they have brought to the ministry and people who come along is insurmountable. They will always be welcome and part of our team.

Please join with us in Thanking and Blessing David and Alathia

Sunday, 7th June was different from any other for Helen Sinclair. Helen had tried a couple of times to connect with our Sunday Zoom service but unfortunately it just wasn't happening for her.

So as not to miss out on her Sunday service Helen decided to watch a church service on television.

During this time there was a knock at her door. It was a man known to Helen as they would often meet while walking their dogs. He explained that he had been sitting outside for 2 hours debating whether he should knock on her door or not. At last he did and knowing from their previous conversations that Helen was a Christian he began asking about God and prayer. He explained some of the circumstances of his own life, drug and alcohol abuse along with dealing with having a leg amputated. He asked Helen if she would pray with him. Helen obliged and gave him an example of how to pray by himself; she also gave him a bible to take away with him.

It's amazing what God can do during lockdown.



Positives in Lockdown ~~ by Craig Welsh

A few weeks ago we were asked if anyone had any positive things happen during lockdown to be put into a newsletter. Here's my take on it.

The short version: I started, completed and passed a diploma in photography.

The longer version. I've always been fascinated with photography and even own a semi decent camera, which sadly, just lays about gathering dust. At the start of the year I took it upon myself to embark on a project to take a photo every day of the year with a specific word taken from a calendar. I also promised myself that for every month I completed I would have the photos printed into a book. At the beginning of lockdown the Centre of Excellence was offering any of their courses for just £29 each. What did I have to lose, I knew I was stuck in for at least three weeks (how optimistic I was back then, haha) and thought, I might as well give myself a purpose and a goal that would also enhance my new found hobby. So here we are, 3 months into lockdown, I have a new diploma to my name and every day I've had a purpose to take, edit and upload a photo onto my calendar. Lockdown hasn't always been easy but every day has been filled with learning and new discoveries whilst experimenting with my camera and photography. If anyone is interested in checking out some of my photographs feel free to join my group on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2606068253015956/?ref=share>.

I only post once or twice a month so you won't be bombarded with images. If you don't have Facebook but want to see them just send me an email and I'll figure something out. I also have 6 books printed now that people are welcome to look at (after restrictions are lifted). There are always discount codes available for <https://www.centreofexcellence.com/>

If someone else would like to pass the time while gaining a new skill, there are some interesting courses available in their prospectus. 3 examples of photographs used for grading in the diploma Nature:

Nature



Fresh



Symmetry



Congratulations to Sarah Smith who is engaged to Jonnie Aitken. They have decided to bring their wedding forward to this year and get married on Friday, 7th August. The wedding will take place at Eden Village.

We wish them every happiness for their future together.

Love and blessings from all at Cornerstone Christian fellowship.

