

Dear Fellow Members

Covid-19 update - JULY 2020

And so we come to my fifth letter...

I don't think I was anticipating that I would still be writing updates for you by now. Let's hope September brings a more normal life for us all.

As usual I trust you are all keeping well and will continue to do so.

A reminder that these little updates are for **ALL** members so please do make sure they all know.

Last Friday was the last official 'Office Day' as term ended last week.

So I will not be in the office regularly over the summer – just popping in to check for post!

News:...in no particular order...

Our MU Chaplain – I will make a presentation to Katie of a small gift in token of our appreciation of her working with us. I hope that perhaps later in the year we may be able to thank her in the traditional fashion at a meeting. Please let me know of anyone you think who could fill this post. Rev. Rosemary Franklin has kindly offered to cover this position until it is filled.

AFIA – Three members of the Trustee board, including me, met in the office to draw the Raffle on Saturday. Due to your generosity we were able to draw for 18 prizes. The first prize of £100 goes to J Craddock of Broadway. The second prize of £50 goes to Alison Lund in Tewkesbury. The third prize of a Hamper goes to Jean Thomas of Hucclecote. Congratulations to all who won something. Maggie and Kate are beginning to arrange holidays again.

Don't forget the BIG AFIA DAY – this has been postponed to 2021 and will take place in Hucclecote on July 10th 2021

Roundabout – You have just a 10 days to the deadline for contributions to the magazine. Don't be late!

Ordering – don't forget to be in touch with Doreen to order any cards etc. you would like. Diary and Calendar orders need to be sent in as soon as possible. Email Doreen.mclellan@yahoo.co.uk Or you can order on line – see my previous letter. Doreen will be happy to continue receiving orders during August.

Eastwood Park Prison- I have been in touch with Alma and although she cannot use the card fronts at the moment she would very much like to have wool. If you have any wool please be in touch with me direct so that we can arrange collection. My address is at the bottom of this letter – my email is kayshensley@yahoo.co.uk

Wave of Prayer – September 3rd -5th - You probably won't be able to meet as you would like but do please observe this in the best way you can. Maybe organise a Zoom meeting with your members! We are all getting so clever now aren't we! But just asking members to pray at home is fine. The times are the

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same as last year. If you are uncertain please get in touch with your Deanery Leader. I attach the suggested order of service for you to print off if you have lost yours. It is possible to print some more for you if necessary but please give me plenty of notice.

Mary Sumner Day – 9th August – I hope you are all working on a way to observe this special day. A reminder that Cirencester will be streaming a service at 10am to which you are all invited. Rev. Rosemary Franklin will preside and Pat Harris will be giving the address. A reminder that you can access this through www.cirenparish.co.uk .

Mary Sumner House Appeal – this is ongoing so if you are able, either as a branch or as an individual, to donate to this please do so.

Diocesan Secretary – we are still looking for a replacement for Carole so, again, if you know of anyone who would like a part time job please encourage them to apply.

Well it just leaves me to wish you all a very safe and happy summer and look forward to what September will bring.

With love Kay (and all your Trustees)

A prayer from the Church of England Prayers for use during the outbreak...

Lord Jesus Christ,

You taught us to love our neighbour, and to care for those in need as if we were caring for you.

In this time of anxiety, give us strength to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick, and to assure the isolated of our love, and your love, for your name's sake. Amen.

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