

# John and Sue Wilson

## Back together

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Hello,

Since we last wrote our church has been back together for our Sunday services. To facilitate this we had to space out the benches and mark where people were allowed to sit. We also put together teams for welcoming and placing people appropriately as well as for cleaning after the service.

The first Sunday of June saw only about 40 people return, but after a timid start the congregation grew to about 70 people which is about half of our previous attendance.

The person leading the service or preaching wears a mask or visor, otherwise everyone in the congregation wears a mask. Whilst trying to limit some of the singing, we are thankful to have premises that are well ventilated and have a high ceiling. When John began ministry in Leeds, the church he pastored was struck by lightning and subsequently he had to preach behind a bingo table in a working men's club. Communicating in unusual circumstances brings the Gospel alive as you have to learn to adapt the message to the context. So may sparks fly as he welds our hearts to his love !!



**Espace Bienvenue** - our welcome space has come together over the last couple of months. Instead of stacking chairs and folding tables, we want this space to be different. Through opening our doors and offering various activities and workshops, we want our guests to feel welcome and special. In the past this room was divided into three offices serving a national distribution of Christian publications. Today the evangelistic thrust of this space is that of connecting to our immediate vicinity. Along with an internet connection, we hope that despite Covid 19, we will be able to create a space that enables people to feel at home with the Gospel. Please pray for us as we seek to develop these initiatives.



At the beginning of July, we had a work day. The challenge was to get Nadine's apartment ready. Nadine, you will remember, is the new person in charge of our young women's hostel. A quick lick of paint and a few DIY jobs, meant that she could move into her new accommodation. In August, Dorcas will arrive as her assistant, whilst at the same time doing a student placement in pastoral ministry. In the meantime, Sue is working alongside Nadine and helping her prepare for the new "intake" who will arrive in September.



Please pray for the "avenue du Maine church" as it is most commonly known. We are adjacent to the Montparnasse station and tower, with many restaurants and theatres in the surrounding area. Our premises are extensive and though we are only a small community in a large city, we are sure that God is at work. We pray that with patience, perseverance and hope, we will see many people responding to his love and care.

Thank you for your ongoing prayers. We appreciate your partnership in the Gospel. Without you we would not be here and we are glad for the opportunities to meet and pray with some of you during these unusual times. May God's love and joy encourage us all to keep the faith once given to the apostles as we pray, laugh and learn together.

We are so grateful to be able to spend sometime with our family in August.

Yours in Jesus,

John & Sue

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