

Dear friends,

The new year has not begun in the way that we would have wanted it to. We find ourselves in another lockdown and facing a few more difficult weeks with continued restrictions for all of us. The 'Stay at home' message is difficult for us to live by and we are also especially mindful of how difficult it is for families with school age children at the moment as online home learning has replaced time in the classroom with teachers and other staff.

January is generally a quieter time in the church year after the festivities of the Christmas season. However, I just want to draw your attention to a few things:

This coming Sunday, the 10th January, we are pleased that Rev Les Judd is leading our worship. He will be zooming from home on this occasion.

On Sunday 17th January Alex Jameson is leading our morning worship and in the afternoon we have the opportunity to join with our friends from other churches in Fareham for a service to mark the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This service will be on Zoom from 4pm and will be recorded and available to share in after the actual event. The Zoom code will be circulated via Judith's newsletter.

On Sunday 24th January we shall be joining with Emsworth Methodist Church on Zoom for our morning worship led by myself. The Zoom code for this service will be circulated nearer the time. Please note this service will start at **10am**.

We continue to hold in our prayers Rita, who is now back at Bury Lodge Nursing Home after a spell in hospital, and Harvey and Gwen, as Gwen continues to recuperate at home. We also give thanks for the safe arrival of a great grandson, Raphael, for Vic and Janice Collins. Many congratulations to them and their family. It's lovely to end with some good news!

Blessings

Claire