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Dear Friends,

New Year, New Lockdown! We hope you are in good spirits despite the latest restrictions.

Please continue to pray for all those affected by the virus and for their families. The need for confidentiality means we cannot publish the names of those affected without their permission, but we can report that Brian Lodde is in Hinchingbrooke hospital on Cherry Tree ward recovering from Covid. He would be pleased to receive cards or letters if you would like to reach him as he may not have visitors. Charlotte Jordan is at home with Covid and her wider family also have it. Other church members have family members who have this virus.

The January Elders' Meeting decided that, in the light of the high infection rate, it was too risky to hold services in church and so have cancelled communal worship for the time being. Thus, we will continue to share Reflections by email and post as well as recorded services that people may access on our website: www.stivesfreechurch.org until the situation eases. This will be at least throughout January and February. Peter Ball has prepared the service for this Sunday, 10th January. Catherine will do the rest of the services for both churches during this period, except Nicola Grieves, Youth and Children's Training and Development Officer of the Eastern Synod will prepare the service for 31st January.

We will also continue to publish 'Keeping in Touch' each week, but that depends on getting sufficient material. Please send us your thoughts and prayers, poems or favourite hymns, or write about some other aspect of your life. People enjoy learning more about other members of the church fellowship.

In Christ's name

Alan and Catherine