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Good Morning everyone. The weather is a bit damp this morning, but fortunately not quite as cold! Meeting with friends and family is going to become harder as we near winter. Please keep in touch by phone with anyone you know who may become more isolated.

Staying in touch:

Our FaceBook page continues to reach out to those in our community. Thank you Sophie for all your hard work with this. It is an excellent way to show God's love and the message we have to share with those of our town and beyond.

We are now suspending the daily check of the church phone that Ruth R has been operating throughout lock down. As the service has not been used, the number above will now be checked when I am in the office on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Please use this number if you would like to book a place for Sunday worship.

If you would like to submit anything for the newsletter I would be delighted to hear from you.

Worship and Prayer:

Please continue to pray for our town and our country as we continue to see numbers of people with the virus rising and many places are facing extra restrictions.

Our Wellingborough bible study group will be reaching the final session on our series on Psalm 23 tonight. Not sure where the last 7 weeks have gone! In my preparation for this last session, my reading has taken me to John Chapter 10: 27-30 and some great words of assurance that I thought might be helpful to us as we continue to remain socially distanced and unable to do many of the things we would normally do at this time of year.

It reads: 'My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no-one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no-one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one.'

So this week, rest in the knowledge that nothing can remove us from the love of our Heavenly Father.

Hopefully it will give you reassurance and a sense of peace.

Family news:

How lovely it is to have some notices to share with you!

Tuesday evenings: the alternate weeks of bible study and prayer are continuing on zoom. Please speak to Ruth R if you would like to join either or both of these things.

Thursday 1st October: The new Toy Library system will be starting to replace Little Fishes for the time being. This will be in the Goliath Hall and led by Rachael Newman. A full risk assessment has been done and it is all set up and ready to go. Please see the Little Fishes FaceBook page for more information.

Sunday 4th October: Our Sunday worship will be led by Mrs Doreen Ingram. We thank all our Local Preachers for their dedication and commitment to helping us worship together.

CHURCH COUNCIL: Our church council should have been taking place in October. We currently cannot meet in person so a new system will be operating! Please submit any reports to me by Sunday 11th October. I will then circulate these via email or post on Tuesday 13th October. If you have any comments on the reports, please send these by email to me and I will forward them to Rev'd Kim. The reports will be signed off by Kim during the service on the 25th October. Please get your reports to me in good time so that I have plenty of time to compile them ready for distribution. Thank you

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