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Good Morning everyone.

Staying in touch:

Our FaceBook page continues to reach out to those in our community. It is a great way to keep in touch with what is happening and to receive uplifting messages. Thank you to Sophie, Jamie and Ruth for all that they do with this.

The church phone will be checked on Tuesday and Friday mornings when I am here. Please do leave a message if you need help with anything or need information from me.

Please consider if you have anything you can submit for the newsletter.....!

Worship and Prayer:

From Monday we shall be living with the new rules. It feels like real progress this time and I shall look forward to dining out without shivering outside! But perhaps the most significant change is the one that will allow us to hug our loved ones. I have not been able to see my lovely mum for 10 months now as the North East went into tier 3 very early on. It is 15 months since we last had a hug. It will be such a joyous occasion when I can wrap my arms around her again. It has made me think about the importance of physical contact. Touch is such an important sense for all of us and certain textures and colours can bring memories flooding back. It is perhaps even more important to those who live alone or are living with a condition such as dementia when our understanding of the world around us may be diminished.

A browse through the New Testament will bring to light many occasions where Jesus touched some one and their life was changed completely. Your task for this week is to see how many you can think of! Let me know the results.

As the rules change, we need to be cautious and perhaps limit our hugging to close friends and family, or at least those we know have had both doses of the vaccine which makes the risks very small. But do also think about who might need to receive some healing from having a hug. Jesus proved that touch brings healing and after over a year of anxiety and heartbreak, much healing is needed.

So happy hugging and happy healing.

Church news:

Sunday Services: The service this Sunday will be led by Mrs Doreen Ingram. Please remember to book your seat by 10am on Friday to help us ensure that everyone is seated appropriately. Thank you.

Streets for Prayer: Please pray this week for the residents of Bugby Drive, Churchill Avenue and Chimney Crescent.

Help Needed!

Following on from Sunday 2nd May vocations service the church at Irthlingborough is looking for help with the book keeping role: A brief job description is featured below. Please pray as to whether this is a role for you and please feel free to contact Rev Kim for an informal chat at this stage.

- Count and record onto relevant forms and ledgers the weekly service collections + any other cash income.
- Bank the cash received.
- Record electronically received income onto relevant forms and ledgers.
- Record the payments made onto the relevant forms and ledgers.

Must have:

- Strong attention to detail
- Time/organisational management
- Preferable prior experience in a treasury capacity, but not essential



**As It Is Community Theatre in partnership with
Northamptonshire Community Foundation
presents**

Food Bank: 2021



Stills from Food Bank: 2021 written by Tara Osman, directed by Lawrence O'Connor

Join us for the online premiere of 'Food Bank: 2021'

Northampton Community Foundation and the Northamptonshire Food Poverty Network will be presenting the film **'Food Bank: 2021'** a theatre piece about people's real stories.

We invite you to join us online via Zoom on **Tuesday 18 May 2pm to 3.30pm.**

'Food Bank: 2021' is written by former Food Bank manager Tara Osman and directed by Lawrence O'Connor. Their successful play 'Food Bank As It Is' has, since spring 2017, played to many hundreds of people in venues across the UK and was due to be shown last April in Northampton but had to be cancelled due to the pandemic.

How does it feel to go hungry for days, yet be surrounded by plenty?

What is it like to rely on a food bank to feed yourself and your family?

The Coronavirus pandemic has only heightened this with so many more people now needing to access food banks to support themselves and their families.

'Food Bank: 2021' is an online theatre piece which provides a window into the world of food poverty in the UK for those who want to look. Documented by a food bank worker who is incensed by what she has seen, these are dramatised stories of people's real life struggles with financial hardship.

Northamptonshire Community Foundation has adopted and aligned the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDG) with our charitable activities. **Jorden Heffernan** our Communications Officer and staff ambassador for **UN SDG 2: Zero Hunger** will introduce the filmed theatre piece. There will be a post-film panel with an opportunity for discussion.

To book your free tickets via Eventbrite, please click [here](#)

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