

From Sharon: If you would like to send your offering or make a donation, please make cheques payable to: **The Church in Hope Street**
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Our 4th issue. If you would like a message included, let me know by email, text, or phone. Stay safe and keep well. Love, Heather x
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BIRTHDAYS: Win (Rubidge) 18th May, Hilary 5th June,
Joyce 17th June, Margaret 27th June



During the lockdown I have been knitting, in my spare time, in response to various appeals, mainly from maternity units across the country. I have been wondering whether there is anyone at Hope street finding themselves at a loose end [sorry couldn't resist!] who might like to join me. I have recently joined a group who publishes the appeal and sometimes sends the items off. They would welcome knitted or crochet items.

I know we have the Lighthouse knitters who are normally in the coffee shop on a Monday, but we could be an at home group. I am sure somebody could come up with a name.

I would be willing to co ordinate. I have already recruited two people to join me in tiny baby things but the more the merrier. I can point you in the right direction if you need free patterns, if you have access to a computer, sadly I cannot provide the yarn but I do have two providers of affordable yarn who do post out.

If you would like to know more please get in touch. Lynne

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*"May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
and rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the hollow of His hand."*



Mission Statement

*Our mission is to help all people understand and respond
to the depth of God's love for them*

To the Family at the Church in Hope Street

Hello

This week we will have said our goodbyes to Madge, and given her back to the Lord. Sad though it is for us to lose her, we keep the wonderful memories of her in our hearts. She is now safe and in his gentle arms. Rest in Peace lovely lady. We will always remember you with Love.

Time goes on and here we are again. Still in lockdown, still in uncertain and scary times. I hope you are all staying well and safe. I want to say thank you to my leadership team for helping to keep in touch with you all, I hope you agree they are doing a grand job.

The story of the caterpillar came up in an online service recently, funny enough I had also been thinking along the same lines



The Caterpillar thought the world was over.....

. You see the caterpillar goes along chomping his way through the leaves happy and oblivious to what will come along one day. When the day arrives he thinks it is the end. And in one respect it is, he will never be the same again.



He tucks himself up into a cocoon and rests, while his transformation takes place. After a time he emerges as the most beautiful thing.

We find ourselves tucked up into our cocoons not knowing how long it is going to be or indeed what the world will look like when we can be free again. What if we too are being transformed!

It is certain the world will not be the same after this; and I sincerely hope it won't go back, but look forward learning the lessons this time has taught us. Respecting the earth, its people and its creatures.

But what of Church? Can that be the same? Some of us have watched and participated in services in a new and surprising ways. On-line services have brought many together, some that would not normally step foot inside a Church. Television and Radio, Computer and Smartphone have become a new way to worship. While many of us are aching to come together in Church, and that day will come I'm sure, the Lord is touching people in new ways. So 'Church' might look different in the future who knows – **God does**. We must trust Him and wait and see!

But we must not be afraid of what the future may bring. For we do not walk alone. The Lord walks with us, he is at every twist and turn and will lift us if we stumble.

Until we emerge from our cocoons if we can use the TV, the radio or our phones and computers to join together with our sisters and brothers to praise and worship the Lord we trust, his family will be together in new and exciting ways.

Until we meet again I urge you to

Keep Praying- Keep Trusting- Keep in touch – it is good to talk on the phone,



Keep Safe- Keep Well

Remember our Caterpillar well, he became a Butterfly

*God Bless You all until we can be together again
With much Love
Lynne*

MESSAGES

From Mary: Sends her love to all her friends at Hope Street. They have been so kind, keeping in touch, and supportive. Hopefully, we will all know that God is with us through this test of time and that he will bring us all back once we have gone through this lockdown. God bless us all, Mary

From Linda E: I would like to say how much we appreciate the phone calls and news updates by Heather Neaves that keep our Church family in the loop. Can I also include a quote continuing Marilyn's theme "Do you agree with Martin Luther that as we maybe spend more time in our gardens that God writes the gospel not in the Bible alone but on the trees and flowers clouds and stars and all creation "

Lily: Says thank you for all her lovely cards. Missing you all and thinking of you. Love, Lily

Eileen: Thanks everyone for her birthday cards and best wishes on her retirement.

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