

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a great Christmas and that 2018 will be one of peace and fruitfulness for you and your family. We had a brilliant Christmas and loved having all the family with us with 13 of us sitting down for the main family meal and 11 staying overnight!

CAVERSHAM IS SETTLED! At an excellent Church Members' Meeting on December 17th a new minister was called to Caversham Baptist Church. The vote was overwhelming (97%) and the church is really excited about the call. The minister in question hasn't yet told his own church so I will tell you his name in due course. We hope that he will be inducted in April. I am already talking to another church about the possibility of helping them after Easter.

TORCH C.E.O. – I really do need your help! Torch is a wonderful Christian organization and the appointment of a new Chief Executive is crucial for the charity. We need a strong Christian leader who is sensitive to the needs of people with sight loss. We don't necessarily need someone who has any previous experience or expertise with people with sight loss. Please pray about possible candidates and let me know if you have any names to suggest. Closing date for applications is the end of January.
www.torchtrust.org/smartweb/work-with-torch

THANK YOU SO MUCH – More than 400 people receive this prayer diary and I cannot say how grateful I continue to be for the support that you give me. My many-sided ministry is an incredible privilege but I would hate to contemplate going about my daily work without the knowledge of your support and prayers. As ever, please feel free to unsubscribe at any time if you are overloaded with prayer requests, and also be sure that I love to hear your news when you have a moment. I love the idea of this relationship being two way.

May the Lord continue to encourage and strengthen you throughout this New Year.

Yours ever,

Jonathan

JONATHAN'S PRAYER DIARY

JANUARY 2018

Monday 1st
New Year's Day ... with the family

Tuesday 2nd
Caversham Day – Morning Bible Study, Pastoral meeting, Caversham Ecumenical, pastoral and Leaders' Meeting

Wednesday 3rd
Reading Christian Network
Newbury Office

Thursday 4th
Newbury Office

Friday 5th
Herefordshire visits

Saturday 6th
Speaking at Men's Breakfast, Newbury Baptist Church
Day Off

Sunday 7th
Preaching at Abbey Baptist Church, Reading
Beth flies back to Glasgow this afternoon

Monday 8th
Mentoring session in Northamptonshire
Abbey Baptist Church Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday 9th
Caversham Day – Reading Baptist Ministers' Cluster meeting, pastoral and Leaders' Prayer Meeting

Wednesday 10th
Premier Media meetings at their offices in London (thanks for the comments you have passed to me about Premier ... do keep them coming)
Abbey Baptist Church Members' Meeting

Thursday 11th
Visit to the Thursday morning Caversham House Group

Friday 12th
Day Off

Saturday 13th
Vision Meeting with the deacons of Eastleigh Baptist Church

Sunday 14th
Preaching at Caversham Baptist Church

Monday 15th
Foster Training at Shaw House, Newbury

Tuesday 16th
Caversham Day – Morning Bible Study, pastoral and Leaders' Prayer Meeting

Wednesday 17th
Meeting with our supervising social worker (Please give thanks for the amazing support and care we have received from our social workers)

Thursday 18th
Postcard Auction at Arborfield, south of Reading

Friday 19th
Newbury Office

Saturday 20th
Day Off

Sunday 21st
Preaching at St Margaret's Church, Mapledurham as part of a "pulpit swap" for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Pray also for the Revd Mike Smith, the Rector of the parish, who is preaching Caversham Baptist Church and who has become a good friend

Monday 22nd
West Berkshire ministers' cluster lunch

Tuesday 23rd
Caversham Day - Morning Bible study, pastoral and Leaders' Prayer Meeting

Wednesday 24th
Visits on behalf of Premier Media

Thursday 25th
Churches of All Meeting (the co-ordinating committee for Christian disability organizations)

Friday 26th
Torch Trust

Saturday 27th
Day off

Sunday 28th
Preaching at Caversham Baptist Church

Monday 29th
Newbury Office

Tuesday 30th
Caversham Day – Morning Bible Study, pastoral and Evening Prayer Meeting

Wednesday 31st
Meeting of Torch Trust Trustees in Market Harborough