



September 2018

*'Why, my soul are you downcast...?  
Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him.'*

Psalm 43:5



Dear Friends,

### FOR PRAISE

#### Son Ollie (17)

got injured playing squash last year. His sight is back to nearly normal (with a scar and a medical contact lens). He has missed a year of school: starts again (L6th) this month with, we hope, fresh energy for academic work, and a bit of humility.

#### Family Fun afternoon.

(April) was a good time. Saturday format worked better than Sunday. Will repeat.

#### Daughter Chloe (18)

is now two months into some helpful therapy for her depression and we just may be seeing signs of hope. Fostering seven kittens in one go has helped!



One of seven foster kittens

Wonderfully we have raised enough money to employ the two **youth staff** (Mums at church) for two days a week each. Thank you for praying and giving as you have been able.



#### Spiritual input for Tim:

A week with fellow Anglicans in Jerusalem in June (GAFCON 3) was a great joy. Keswick week three with 10 families from church was also a blessing. Especially the talks by Ed Shaw from Living Out. Looking forward to ReNew and AMiE conferences this month.

Some church family at Keswick

### **Living Water:**

A new group: that meets six times a year has begun meeting. It is a group for those at CCSC suffering in any long term way. Flo, our Biblical Counselling UK intern, now in her second year, is leading it with another lady in church.

### **Summer Camps: and camping**

Six young people went to Contagious Nano and a few to other camps. Grateful to God for the gospel truths they will have heard. The church annual camping night out was smaller than before.

### **FOR PRAYER**

#### **Weekend Away**

10-12 Oct 2018. We look forward to Wallace and Lindsey Benn joining us at Letton Hall. We are aiming to save money by catering for ourselves this year. And we are still short of six children's work helpers who if they came would enable all our parents to be in for the talks.

#### **Is God Anti-Gay?**

We have read the book as a church over the summer and have a ladies' group and a men's group separately meeting to discuss the topic and do a Living Out Church audit this autumn. Please pray we would be a help to all those struggling with SSA and needing a church family to love and be alongside them.

#### **Size**

I sense we are at a threshold and need to be praying and planning for the future: how to grow spiritually and perhaps into a new building... We are also praying for wisdom about securing long-term a house of our own for the Pastor and family... that's us!

#### **People**

One family have left joyfully to go to work in Italy. Please pray for the Myerscoughs. Another family have pulled away from us and we hope are going to another church in Cambridge: please pray for the Cherrys. We have baptized Bob, Steph and James in our local swimming pool: please pray they put roots down and bear long-term fruit.



*Church Outside: with half-an-hour's notice of an electrical failure*

#### **Leadership**

That I would take more of a lead in planning ahead with fresh energy rather than simply going with what we have in the diary.

Thanks a ton for all your prayers

Tim and Lucy

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