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Dear Friends,

This letter comes with much love from the community at church.

You will find included information about some of our charitable endeavours, which I commend to you, information from Rod Thorpe (a member at our Chinnor church) about Traidcraft and an appeal about some work on church security from Tim Olufosoye.

Importantly can I remind that we are continuing with Sunday worship. We have not yet run out of seats but there is a gradual trickle of folk returning. We are providing activities for children to follow during the service while we continue to reflect on how the JTeam might operate in a Covid secure way. Worship is different, due to the rules we have to operate under, but we are striving to respond the best we can to the challenging circumstances in which we operate.

One point of real significance I need to stress is the need to make me aware you wish to come on a Sunday. We do not want to be in the position of turning people away. This should be done by the preceding Wednesday through one of the possibilities above. Bookings after Wednesday will be on a first come first served basis. It would also help if intend coming and then find you cannot that you let me know please. It is possible to a block booking for every week and just let me know when you cannot make it.

We are also giving thought to how we might do Christmas in these peculiar circumstances. I suspect there will be a number of carol services rather than one. If needs be on Christmas morning we may have two services. More information will be forthcoming.

Finally to assure you that 6 of us meet each week to discuss our Covid response and ensure all is as it can be in our buildings.

Blessings

Richard

As you will be aware we normally collect harvest gifts for Whitechapel Mission and toys for the local Children's centre. While late for Harvest we aim to do so again this year. The invitation is either bring gifts during the week and leave them in the entrance to the Community Centre or to bring them on Sundays. We will aim to collect during November up until Advent Sunday. Food for Whitechapel mission needs to tins and packages, the toys for the Children's Centre need to be new and not wrapped please. In both cases we are happy to receive donations with cheques made payable to church but with an indication on the envelope as to where they are intended for. As always we are so grateful for your continuing generosity.

The Cards for Good Causes are up and running Monday to Saturday in Room 2 with a selection of Charity Christmas Cards

## **ACTION FOR CHILDREN**

### **Home Collecting Boxes**

This is the time of year when money from the boxes is counted and paid in to the Charity. Money raised through other fundraising events cannot happen at present and so that raised by these little boxes is needed urgently.

If you have a box please either contact Pauline Noble on 01296 484940 to arrange a collection/delivery date and time for the box **or** call in at the Church and hand your box to the Manager at the Cards for Good Causes Christmas Card shop open 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. Monday to Saturday. Any loose cash donations should come in a sealed envelope with your name clearly marked. Cheques payable to Action for Children. Thank you.

## **CHURCH SECURITY**

Over the last 4 years we have been reviewing the access control system for the community centre based on concerns raised by staff and church members and a need to keep the community centre safe. The existing keypad is now obsolete and not fit for purpose.

The church council earlier this week approved the urgent upgrade for the existing system at a cost £3150 but as our finances are struggling due to the impact of the pandemic money is not as available. If anyone is interested in offering financial support to this project please talk to Tim or to Richard