



LINK UP!

“So encourage each other and build each other up... ” 1 Thess. 5:11

Longfleet’s Lockdown Line-up! :

- * Sundays: “Longfleet At Home” - watch a reflection from Suzie on our YouTube channel. See www.longfleetbaptistchurch.co.uk for details, or receive a transcript in the post (contact Suzie or Janet M to be added to the mailing list).
- * Wednesdays, 8pm - WhatsApp prayer meeting (contact Carri)
- * Thursdays, 7pm - “Thursday Night In” - an online get together to pray, chat, read the Bible and enjoy each other’s company! Join in via computer or telephone - see attached email or letter for details, or contact Suzie on 07903 033588.

Poole Foodbank needs us!

Demand for Poole Foodbank has shot up as a result of the coronavirus crisis. They are in urgent need of finance and certain items. We have given a gift of £250 from Longfleet’s Emergency Relief Fund, but they urgently need the following: UHT

Share the blessing!

I bear my willing witness that I owe more to the fire, and the hammer, and the file, than to anything else in my Lord’s workshop. I sometimes question whether I have ever learned anything except through the rod. When my schoolroom is darkened, I see most. C. H. SPURGEON

Mrs. Charles E. Cowman
Contemporary Classic/Streams in the Desert

#kindlequotes

Dear church family

I don’t know if you’ve noticed, but there’s nothing like a dramatic change in circumstances to make you dig deeper into your relationship with God! It might make you question him more or want to know more about him. I’ve found that as you wonder and listen more, you being to notice God speaking to you in a whole variety of ways - through his Word, through his creation, through conversations with other people. When you do, why not share the blessing? If you’ve heard or read something that you’ve found particularly helpful, why not tell someone else? It could be just what they

milk, tinned meat, coffee, rice pudding, cereals. Ways to donate: via the collection bins at various supermarkets; drop off at Longfleet United Reformed Church on Longfleet Rd between 9.30am & noon each day; ring Suzie if you would like to donate items but cannot get out. Look out for some really encouraging stories from the Foodbank in next week's "Link Up"!

Church Giving

Some of you have asked about Church finances during the present emergency. Obviously we have no Sunday offering and no income from premises hire and we do have bills to pay. We have reserves which are keeping us afloat and we can survive on them although if they deplete too much that will affect our long term position. If you normally give a Sunday offering you might keep that money aside until we can meet or you may consider a standing order. I can tell you our bank details for you to give to your bank. Unlike many churches our position is that, if the lockdown only lasts for three months, it should not be too big a problem. Many thanks. Austin (Church Treasurer)

Note from Suzie: Technology's great, but I still think we'd be struggling to put Alec's idea (opposite) into practice, don't you?!

need at that very moment! That's what happened to me the other day - I was chatting to Tina, who told me about the daily readings book 'Streams in the Desert', which she's found a huge blessing over the last forty years. I'd heard of the book (I think my Mum has a copy somewhere), so downloaded it onto my Kindle, and that very day, there was a quote from that famous 19th Century Baptist, Charles Spurgeon (who, of course, founded the theological college I attended!), which was just right for these times! I've attached the quote above - isn't it fantastic how God can say something to us today through words written so long ago? Now I'm reading 'Streams in the Desert' every day too! Why not share something you've found useful - let's use this time to build each other up in our faith! We have a wonderful God, who loves us and loves our neighbours who have yet to know that!

Keep trusting! With love, your Pastor,

Suzie

