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Dear Members of Central Hall Church Family,

We hope you and your loved ones are all keeping relatively well - physically, mentally, and spiritually – and, as the lockdown is gradually lifting, we hope you are feeling hopeful about the future. That said, we do recognise that life might be quite a struggle for some of you and that the impact of Covid is still affecting many people. Please be assured that your church family is praying for you all.

We are delighted that some members of our Church are now meeting regularly for Sunday worship in the main hall, with others sharing in the services online or by using the worship at home sheets. Worshipping God together blesses us!

During the summer we will continue to have the 9am Breaking of Bread on the first Sunday of the month, which is a fairly short, reflective time of worship.

We will also go on meeting for morning prayer every weekday at 9am, when we pray together for 15 minutes on-line. Most Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays a few people also gather in the Aldersgate Chapel and join in our prayers from there.

Our Bible Study continues to meet on Zoom on Wednesdays at 1.30 pm but we may be moving towards this being a hybrid event, too. Please be reassured that you are all very welcome to share in any, or all of the above.

Sincere thanks are due to the wonderful leaders of our work with children and young people, which has mostly been taking place on Zoom, too. Our Circuit youth pastors, Ruda and Ady, have also been a blessing to this ministry over the past year.

Central Hall's 'Artists in Residence', Emilie, Emily, Mark, Nikki and Seb, have now been appointed for CCH's City of Culture year and we are excited about them working with us and bringing visual art, poetry, origami, creative sessions and music into the heart of Coventry. We hope they will create a lasting legacy too. Emily and Nikki will be starting in June with visual and creative sessions, and we are planning for there to be a **Meet the Artists** event on 26th June to which you are all welcome.

Robert Davies, our appointed architect, is very enthusiastic about us futureproofing our building and making it more versatile and flexible to be used wisely and well. It

seems that our building performs at least three functions: it is there as a church building, it serves the community as a kind of community centre, and it also offers space for events and conferences. We have met with Robert to start exploring different ideas and options, including how we might improve the entrance at the front and the back of the building. We are expecting him to present us with some visual impressions of different possibilities quite soon, which you will be invited to look at.

Central Hall is currently being used by several groups (Tutors & Exams, AA, Street Pastors, Karate, Sahara) as well as for prayer and worship, but its usage hasn't returned to the level it was at prior to the pandemic. Please pray for God's leading as the Hall, hopefully, begins to be used for many more activities and events.

We both met with the Street Pastors recently and Sheila spent some time walking with them and praying amongst people involved in the city centre's night-time economy. Coventry's street pastors are looking to recruit more volunteers so if you'd like to know more about them or feel drawn to this valued role, please let us know.

'Open Heaven Coventry' is happening again this June as churches of many denominations unite to prayer-walk all the streets of our city. Christians are invited to specifically pray for God to bless Coventry with healing, salvation, and rebuilding. It would be wonderful if each of us could pray for the street where we live. Check out the Open Heaven Coventry website for more details: [OPEN HEAVEN COVENTRY](#)

We really do value your prayers for our church family and all that goes on in and around Central Hall. Please remember the items mentioned above as well as praying for love, joy, and peace for one another, and the Spirit's wisdom for all those who hold positions of leadership and responsibility in our Church, as together we seek God's guidance and blessing for the days and years ahead.

As always, if you ever feel we could help you in some way please let us know, so that we can respond and can try to offer you support.

If you'd like someone to get in touch, you can contact our pastoral secretary – Doreen, our senior steward – Elaine, Deacon Sheila, or Rev Stephen (email addresses above).

This comes with our love and prayers for each of you,

Stephen

Sheila