

## Pastoral Letter ~ Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2021 ~ Keeping in Touch

*9<sup>th</sup> Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."*

Most of us are simply tired of COVID. sick of lockdowns, restrictions, mask wearing and worrying about the future. We would love for life to be back to 'normal' (whatever that is!) And because of that we need to heed the Bible's exhortation to "*not become weary in doing good.*" But how can we do that as a Church? How can we do good to one another when we can no longer meet together and see one another into the foreseeable future?

I am suggesting that for the next period of time we do something very simple. We ring someone once every fortnight, talk to them about what is going on and ask them three simple questions

1. How's your **day**?
2. Are you **okay**?
3. What can I **pray**?

If we were all willing to adopt **one** buddy and contact them once a fortnight (and then they contacted us the follow week) then we would all have contact with another Christian on average once a week. Which means every week we would have a chance to do good to someone who belongs to the family of believers.

Now to ensure that everyone is included and no one misses out here are a few ground rules.

1. This is optional, no one is being forced to do this. Just let me know if you don't want to be involved.
2. If you don't choose to ring someone, you will have less contact with others
3. You might not know too many people within the Church and so this might seem a bit scary but I am sure there is at least one person you have connected with. So please ask them.
4. This will require some coordination so that no one misses out. So please choose someone you are willing to contact each fortnight and ask them if they are willing to be involved in this way before letting me know.
5. Please only accept the offer of one person/family ringing you each fortnight. In that way, everyone has a better chance of being involved.
6. It would be good for a family to contact another family. If that is the case that would mean the dad will contact the other dad, the mum will contact the other mum and the kids might have the chance to talk to each the other families' kids.
7. When you have made such an arrangement, please email Stephen (Title - Keeping in Contact) at [sktaylor1997@gmail.com](mailto:sktaylor1997@gmail.com) or text him at 0426 829 080
8. Stephen will create a spreadsheet and look at who might be missing out.
9. After a week, Stephen will then make contact with all those who have not buddied up and make a suggestion as to whom they might be linked with.

Thanks so much for considering this. Fellowship is vital for the Christian. And in this way we can help bear one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2), while at the same time providing ourselves with the encouragement and support that we all need in these difficult times.

Your brother in Christ, Stephen