

Pastoral note 23rd May 2021

Well here we are at another relaxation in covid restrictions! Hopefully this will enable some of us to be able to visit, and/or invite family and friends into our homes, with due care – but of course everyone's circumstances are different, so that will not be right for others. We continue to pray especially for those needing to stay relatively isolated.

This week is Dementia Awareness Week. The term dementia is still a scary word for many, but that is sometimes because we do not have too much grasp of what living with dementia might be like. In our church family there are at least eight households with a person living with dementia, and a further four friends being cared for in residential care homes. Symptoms vary hugely, and will affect everyone who is close. Often people are very reluctant to say what is going on, but let's remember all those affected, those we know and those we don't, in our prayers this week. This link will help you discover more if you would like to. <https://www.dementiauk.org>

Many friends will remember Pat Iliffe, now living well in care in London. Her son Stephen is profoundly deaf, and is a wonderful photographer. He has a new exhibition called Deaf Mosaic – a collection of portraits with little stories relating to each individual. It is fascinating, and this is the link if you would like to check it out.

<https://deaf-mosaic.com/>

We continue to hold you all in our prayers, Angela