

Dear all,

A Church member recently shared the following article with me. Found on Facebook on 'Think about it, Pray about it, Be about it' (by Glen Johnson), it challenges us to remember what being Church is about:

As church attendance numbers fade across the nation and online services become very convenient (who doesn't love not getting ready in the morning or leaving the home?!), it's important to remember why church attendance for you and your family matters so much.

You can't serve from your sofa. You can't have community of faith on your sofa. You can't experience the power of a room full of believers worshipping together on your sofa. Christians aren't consumers either. We are contributors. We don't watch. We engage. We give. We sacrifice. We encourage. We do life together. The church needs you and you need the church.

Wherever you are, find a local church where you and your family can be part of community and use your talents to advance the kingdom and reach others. To come alongside one another physically, not just through a screen. While I'm grateful for technology to keep people connected that can't physically come to a facility or need to be away, it's absolutely not like being in the building. Never will be. Yes, church on the sofa is nice. But it'll never be the same as church in the sanctuary.

What will our response be?

With every blessing Tim

Church News:

Sunday Service

This Sunday we have a special Father's Day All Age Service - do join us for this at 10am in person, on Facebook or YouTube! <u>Click here</u> to book your tickets for Sunday's Service and next week's Wednesday Service.

• Spaces to Remember, Reflect and Recover

These will be available in the Church this coming week as follows:

- Tuesdays (including Craft Space) & Wednesdays 10am-12noon
- Fridays (including Art Space) & Sundays 2pm-4pm

To attend Friday's Art Space, please book your free place by <u>clicking here</u> and selecting the Friday Space Event – this will ensure we have enough Art materials available!

If you're able to help as an usher, please contact Alli by clicking here.

World Mission Update from the Hursts

Click here to read the latest update from the Hursts (Wycliffe).

Kitchen Update

We're making good progress towards the Kitchen becoming a reality. An update will be coming shortly. To continue supporting this project please <u>click</u> here.

Under Aslan's paw, Tim - Vicar, St Mary's Eaton Socon