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A house of prayer

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Touching lives with the love of God

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This morning the lovely photos that viewers from various places in the UK had sent in to include in the weather forecast were full of rainbows. Not painted, made or coloured in, but rainbows created by God: a sign of hope and his unbroken promises. On the first day of May it was very special.  May the God of Hope fill us with all joy and peace as we trust in Him..... So that you may overflow with joy, by the power of the Holy Spirit. 

Please use the prayer diary each day if it helps you to pray in this way.

Sunday: Praise that the morning service is back on BBC and that many who do not have laptops etc are really loving it. One of my older friends said, “We do not need them to put the words up, we know all these lovely old hymns.” Songs of Praise is also enjoyed, and testimonies are great to share. Pray for the thousands who do not go to church but are listening on-line.

We pray for our nation, government, leaders and Queen that they will listen to God and that He will give wisdom to all of us.

Monday: With no schedules or commitments it is lovely to enjoy freedom in our day. Praise God for longer periods to be able to talk to Him; at home, on our walks, in our gardens etc. I loved putting the eight-day Easter gardens of prayer which June and I prepared into the hands of about fifty people who requested it. Many were blessed and some have started reading the Bible and looking up the passages I introduced. Pray that God directs each day and leads us into helpful conversations. Receiving “snail mail” is great, and I have sent a lot myself. It’s a nice change from just receiving bills!!

Tuesday: I have just paid a huge bill of £700 for the minibus insurance! The good news is that they will cover the age of driving it to 75 which means some of our drivers can drive again. Not me however, as I’m 76! Pray for drivers. We need more so we can use the vehicle more. It would be particularly useful for our monthly lunch group. Normally the minibus expenses would be covered by our annual sale in March, but this had to be postponed. It took me hours to sort out all the sale items that we had in my guest bedroom, but I had the time to do it and it is all ready for the next time! Thank God for the lovely items we have been given for the event.

Wednesday: I visited Canaan to do some gardening yesterday and it was very strange to see it empty. It is all clean and ready for visitors; but we are in the process of cancelling all booking and returning deposits!

Many are disappointed, especially the group from Hungary who would have been with us over Easter. Pray that lockdown will soon be over so we can safely return to providing lovely holidays for many who will come to know Jesus in Norfolk.

Pray for Winsome our caretaker at Canaan whose large property is for sale in Cromer, but nothing is moving at present.

I was reminded so clearly last night by God, who said, "I know the plans I have for you, to bring you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11.

Thursday: Please pray for our families and children. I had a lovely morning last week when I was in contact with four mums who needed help and advice. Finance plays a huge factor for them all. Food has been delivered by team members which is very welcome, and we have sent activity packs to all the children each month. Please pray that the parents will get involved and help the children complete them. Pray for a family who is expecting a baby in May and is very worried about going into hospital at this time.

Friday: I took over the leadership of the Mothers Union branch in Cromer Parish Church earlier in the year and am gradually phoning them all to encourage, support and pray. Phone calls make a tremendous difference. I had a call from my Bible class leader from sixty-five years ago which was a lovely surprise! We are in phone contact with our monthly lunch group too and I feel it very important to keep up with our contacts.

Saturday: We had planned our annual Thanksgiving Day for June, but that is not possible for this year. We have decided to have a Gift Day instead and all can partake wherever they are as there is no need to travel! The date is 1st June 2020. If possible we will have a celebration later in the year.

God always promises to supply our needs as we help others. Please pray for Kornel and his family in Hungary facing very difficult times. Koszeg in Hungary which he visits regularly has seventy children in lockdown in their huge building where houseparents are living in with the children, feeding, caring and now being asked to help with their education too. Praise God none of them are ill. Pray for them in these difficult situations, they are not allowed outside the building! Pray for orphanages in the Ukraine too, some have closed, and children are on the streets as a result! Kornel just managed to visit the Ukraine taking many provisions before the borders were closed.

Thank you for your prayer, support and contact.
Love Evelyn, June and the team at Canaan.

Canaan Gift Day
Monday 1st June 2020