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Dear Friends,

One of our church members told me the other day that her telephone had developed a fault, so she called the engineer. As they made arrangements for him to come and put things right, she told him it 'isn't just my telephone line, it's my lifeline'. Many of us, I think, fully understand and empathise with that perceptive remark. And it's via this 'lifeline' that I detect so much mutual support has come, even with people telling me their friendships have been deepened by their regular conversations over the phone or daily messages via email.

We continue to hold Mr Jim Collins's family in our thoughts and prayers. Jim's service at the crematorium will be held on Wednesday 6th May at 4.00pm. This week we have also been saddened to hear of the passing of two further members of our community. Mr Keith Pulford passed away at the weekend and his service will be held on Friday 1st May at 9.15am at Amersham Crematorium. We do think of Pam at this time. Mrs Catherine Dolman died on Tuesday 21st April, surrounded by John and their daughters. Arrangements for Catherine's funeral are in the process of being made. Yesterday we also heard that Isabel Lang's mother and sister in law have died. This is a tough time and we want to assure Isabel of our love and prayers. We are so grateful for the fellowship we shared in life with all these friends; may they rest in peace and rise in glory, and may their loved ones know the peace and hope of God at this sad time of loss.

Church life, all be it, in many different forms, continues during these Lockdown Days. Do have a look at the EcoChurch link on the AFC website. It will now take you to a variety of articles and resources which we hope will be regularly updated as we seek to face the ecological challenges before us in creative and responsible ways.

We continue to be grateful to all those who are helping to put the audio service together every week. As one becomes a finished 'product' ready for 'broadcast', the next one is already in the planning stages! In his 'spare time' Michael has designed a wonderful website quiz for us – we hope to put it on the website today so why not have a go and see if you can score more than 8!!

Erna joins me in sending you our prayerful best wishes.

May you, today, know God's blessing and joy in all you do.

The Revd Ian Green