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Dear Friends,

Our phone has been on the blink in recent days. We've reported it and hopefully soon it will be back in working order. So if you need to make contact via phone, do use the mobile number at the top of this letter.

Over recent months we have kept in touch in a variety of ways, and high on the list has been the telephone. I remember, throughout April and most of May, whenever I phoned anyone they always seemed to be in! It's changed a bit now as the Lockdown restrictions are slowly being eased. So, this month I seem to be leaving far more answerphone messages – which I think is a good thing!

On Sunday we began a new phase at AFC with regard to our pattern of worship. The audio service was listened to by just over 70 people, 42 folk attended the 10.30 service in person, and over 80 took a look at the video service once it was posted on-line. I realise that in a way this was 'Try it out Sunday', and that over coming weeks people will settle into a routine of listening, attending or watching that suits them. We are very much aware that the video service is in its infancy and very limited – at the moment, for example, we are only able to video a narrow shot of the speakers rather than a wide-view of the service. We hope that, as the months go by, we'll get better at this and make it more visually stimulating as we expand the equipment. It's a start at least.

We are grateful to everyone who made 'in person' worship possible and to the congregation for acting so responsibly and keeping to the guidelines as posted on the website.

By now I suspect many of you will have heard that our friend and church member Dr Ella Munro MBE has passed away. We honour Ella's fellowship and service among us. She played a full part in the life of our church and her work in the establishment of the Sycamore Club has been a positive blessing to so many families. Ella will be laid to rest at the Great Missenden cemetery at a graveside service for her family next Friday morning at 11.30am (17th July 2020).

Friends will be interested to learn that the funeral service at the crematorium for The Revd Alan Kirkcaldy, will be held on Monday 13th July at 3.30pm and webcast. This can be accessed via:

<https://www.wesleymedia.co.uk/webcast-view>

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Our love and prayers go out to Suzanne and the family at this time.

You'll be pleased to know that recently members of our Junior Church, and some of their helpers, were able to meet up on Zoom. It's hoped that there might be more of these 'gatherings' in future and we are very grateful to all who are making this possible.

Erna joins me in sending you our love and best wishes.

Ian