



Christmas Greetings from Reta Burns in England



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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your valued prayers and support for the ministry here in Market Harborough. As I previously shared, much has changed for our church since last summer, with damage that caused us to relocate our church services to the lower floor and relocating to a smaller room for our Sunday school on the upper floor. Sorting eighteen years of storage, and downsizing was a major project. Our pastor and family were on furlough, so we were thankful for help from our friends Glenn and Charlotte Palmer who came from the USA to help out.

Sadly, after 18 years, Marcia and I are forced to cancel our Coffee Mornings and Kiddies and Carers ministries. We now visit people in their homes.

Our ministries: Marcia and I plastered, painted and laid down carpet in our new SS room. It has already been a blessing as it is away from the main church room and will no longer be noisy for the services. On 18 Nov., we held our monthly Cake Day outreach with 38 non church people attending. The funds we receive go to support our missionary in Ireland who ministers to those with addictions. That day, our pastor spoke at length to a Nigerian fellow about salvation and baptism, Marcia and I talked with several individuals and couple and a Sikh man and his older daughter came in and chatted at length. Our Bible distribution is ongoing and we cover some of the new housing in Market Harborough.

Market Harborough has a Christmas outreach Dec.1. This year we are inviting people into the church to view our full-size Nativity, to enjoy hot chocolate, and to present the gospel if possible. Church people will be given out tracts to those passing by our church. Last year we gave out over 500 tracts.

Nearly four months ago, our local bank moved out of Market Harborough and then froze the church accounts. It has taken months of negotiation and we are still waiting for a transfer of church funds to a new bank making it available to send our missionaries their support. God has provided the rental money for our facilities through the faithfulness of our people's offerings.

I wish you a Happy Christmas with family and friends, and God's blessings in the New Year.



*In Christ,
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