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Subject: Life in Lockdown - A story by Maechelle (Its a BEAUTY) 🥰 & more good news from Alice!!! 💙💛💙

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Welcome to
CoCoChu.....



LIFE IN LOCKDOWN

A LIFESTORY FROM MAECHELLE :-)

Be FAB - F+A=B

F=Faith

A= Action

B= Bravery



**Our life has
changed.....**

Our lives have dramatically changed over the past five weeks. The things we take for granted for

By Maechelle Bowring

I'd like to think of myself as optimistic (although Ed wishes I was a realist!), I look for the "silver lining" in this current situation

Life in Lockdown 2020

We are starting a newsletter series called 'life in lockdown' where we will hear from

someone different each week and exploring peoples experiences, what God is doing in their lives and how we can share hope with others. This week we will be hearing from Maechelle.....and hopefully others in the coming weeks. May you be blessed by it.

This lockdown story is just so beautiful it has had me in tears! Thank you Maechelle for being an NHS HERO! You are an inspiration to us all!!! Tonight as I clap I will think of YOU!!!

Please click here for [Maechelles story](#)

WE HAVE SOME AMAZING NEWS TO SHARE

All the latest news @ CoCoChu.....

Good Afternoon CoCoChuers,

We have had some very exciting news!!!!!! We have been awarded £10,000 by Awards for All (The National Lottery), which will fund two sessional youth work staff for 10 hours per week and a small training budget for a 12 month period. This will enable the youth group to offer more sessions and allow the 11+ and 14+ youth groups to have a minimum of one open access session per week!!!!!! This will allow us to provide so much more support to young people and eliminate the issue of lone working!!! I have ordered a large cheque for a photo opportunity and hope this will bring joy to many members of the community that CoCoChu are still very active!

I quote Alice "WOW, JUST WOW".

There are a number of steps that need to be taken such as a recruitment process etc and even during the lockdown, this staff will be very important to keep things running with support for Alice and young people in their efforts during COVID-19. Watch this space - Colwall Youth Project is growing!

We must remember that the Youth project is not something for Alice to run but the church needs to get behind all that she is doing! Why not try entering one of Alice's social distancing challenges so that young people can see your involvement? Could you volunteer once a month on zoom to chat with Alice and the young people and offer some hope? The church youth group needs our input too.

Please get involved!

What's been going on at CoCoChu virtual office

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- We have our regular Team meeting with Jon Jill, Alice and me and caught up about life and work; hearing all about the joys of Youth work and what Alice has been up to. The work she is doing with young people is really amazing especially during such challenging times.
 - Golden hands Alice has had some wonderful news and has been working harder than ever.
 - Jon and I had a meeting this week as my line manager, ensuring we make the most of time in lockdown and getting on with tasks we may not ordinarily have time to do. During the lockdown, Jon's ability to focus and get tasks done has ramped up in huge proportions. He and Jill are spending significant periods of time on church work. Thanks to you both! You are hard to the core! (i know my language is odd haha).
 - We have been purchasing some Microsoft licences for all the church computers. This is a lengthy process as you have to register as a charity to get relevant discounts. We think we have done it! Right, Jon?!
 - The church leaders met this week to pray and discuss various agenda items such as a online church - reflections, outreach during the lockdown, HR updates, DBS checking during the lockdown, social media, Alices great news and more! Please remember church life has certainly not stopped with lockdown if anything it is busier. Pray for our amazing leaders.
 - Jill has her regular one to one meeting with Alice every Thursday. This is such a big area of growth at the moment. Thanks, Alice and Jill for all that is going on.
 - As a church, we have online storage that we share so that we can all access files and info and it's bursting at the seams. I will be spending next week sorting this and ensuring we have sufficient backup processes. Oh the Joys of church admin :-) strangely, I like it!
 - We have been putting together virtual rotas to cover May - hasn't it been amazing to see so many people involved in our services.

Other notices

From Lynne and David -

Hi,

A rather belated thank you very much note for the card and garden centre voucher from you all – which was very kind.(With the garden centres being closed it's given me plenty of time to decide how to spend it!).

Well, I just want to take the opportunity to say how much we loved living in Colwall and that an important part of that experience was belonging to Cocomu. Thank you

to all of you who befriended us and supported us over our time in Colwall – we have appreciated all the love and concern and laughter.

I've been receiving great support in these odd times from a book of poems and photos given to me exactly 40 years ago (and which I'm pretty sure I've never read until now and nearly went on the charity shop pile!) and I'd like to share one with you.

**The gull is heavier than air but by its motion and hollow bones
It defies gravity and rides the wind.
It is the motion of faith and the knowledge of my hollowness
That allow me to fly and breakthrough to you
I am hollow but filled with hope and this knowledge makes me light
enough
To survive the storm and the eye of the storm
To be hollow and to know it is to become filled with the power to fly.
Ulrich Schaffer from Into Your Light**

Thank you again – with love and prayers,
Lynne and David

To Lynne and David From CoCoChu: We miss you both so much! Not that we could have seen you anyway! Please join us on zoom one Sunday! We would love to see your faces!

Church Services

How amazing and blessed are church services right now? Such hope and support during these times! Thanks to everyone for serving this community! Last week was just awesome! "Keep on keeping on"

ZOOM - some useful information!

Virtual Hosting...

Are you good with technology? Do you think you could volunteer to become a virtual host on Sunday mornings in order to share the load? We have produced some notes. Please e-mail the office if you feel you can help.

Start of Service...

For those joining us by phone, please don't be too overwhelmed if you join before 10.30 am. 10-10.30am is the kid's slot so it may be loud and a bit chaotic. Our host will formally announce the beginning of the service at around 10.30 am. This is sometimes a few minutes later while we wait for people to log in. Thanks for your patience and for joining us.

Muting...

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Group Messages...

If you are unsure where you can speak or contribute to the service please be guided by the host. Those joining online can also send messages to the congregation and to the host who can share prayer requests.

Charities are struggling - From Jill

Can you contribute to the huge loss all charities are going to experience? Click on the link to find out how you can learn more and support them during this time.

<https://www.cafonline.org/home/thetwopointsixchallenge>

CORONAVIRUSCARE - COLWALL

A village helpline for those in isolation, that need supplies, pharmacy trips etc.

Contact details: colwallcoronaviruscare@gmail.com

Telephone number: 07452 928 226 (manned 9-5pm)

A note to hosts

To those on the hosting rota, we would love to have a pre-recorded element for the church Facebook page. This can be done on an i-phone in Landscape. People who do not come to church have really engaged with these messages during this time and it provides an outreach element to our services. We would like a reading from the morning (can be done by someone you choose), a short message from the host about the morning and speaker (to provide a shortened message of hope). Katherine suggests recording these elements as if to a non-christian friend, no jargon just "normal" and open to all.

Katherine is able to pull together and edit. If you are not comfortable with this do not worry. We can all just do our best. An updated version of the virtual notes will be sent out this week. If you can pre-record an element, great. But if not, don't worry.

This Sunday

ASLAN @ 10 AM

We are learning about the rest of what happened on Easter evening, and in particular what Jesus tells us to do now, today. Luke 24 v36-49.

The children will need a blown-up balloon big enough to stick things on, Scissors, colours and sellotape.

Things to do sheets - four sheets per child but the younger children may only need

the face parts sheet. There is a board game so dice and counters to hand would be good.

Here are the links for all the Children's work

<http://SPLASH>

<http://XStream>

<http://Boardgame>

<http://Face parts>

Jill will explain all on Sunday! If you don't have a printer we often do it all on ipads.

ZOOM @ 10.30 AM

This Sunday we will be led by Phil who is hosting our service. This week we will be the second part of our series on Peter:

Roger will be preparing a pre-recorded talk which we can listen to after the service.

Rock the Boat: Matthew 14 v 22- 34. Tension – we want to walk on the water but we don't want to get out the boat! What is an adventure? Embracing risk and uncertainty, out of your comfort zone, saying yes to Jesus, not settling for the status quo, transformed lives, people being set free... ushered in by everyday ordinary adventurers. Next steps into the life of adventure – what is the next step for you?

Here's the Zoom Link for Sunday:

|| <https://zoom.us/j/841926331>

To dial in by phone: 0203 695 0088 and enter the meeting ID followed by the #

The meeting password is: 290236

Don't forget to read the updates from Alice below she has had an AWESOME week!

Lots of CoCoChu Love

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PS SORRY THIS IS SOOOOO LONG!!!!!!!!!!

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UPDATES FROM ALICE

OUR BBC CHILDREN IN NEED FUNDED YOUTH WORKER



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I have started the virtual youth work plan this week. this consists of many activities for young people to participate in, in addition to our usual Friday meetings on zoom and the social distancing challenges. This includes mindfulness tasks, 1-1 sessions, educational support, and wellbeing lunches.

I would love to invite members of the church to take part in the social distancing challenges! The theme this week is Rainbows!

I am still in talks with the Counselling, Learning and Development trust in Hereford on a youth engagement project for mental health in rural locations and hope to have more information on this soon!

Myself and the young people can not wait to be back at Walwyn Road, and for everything to return in person.

Best Wishes - Alice xxx



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ZOOM CODES

MEETING CODES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

MONDAY PRAYER @ 4PM:599990973
TUESDAY TEAM MEETING:200167329
THURSDAY MORNING PRAYER 7AM:962340569
SUNDAY SERVICES 10.30AM:841926331

DIAL IN BY PHONE: 0203 695 0088 AND ENTER THE MEETING ID FOLLOWED BY THE #

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Want to share in giving?

CoCoChu is entirely supported by the giving of people who come here. If you would like to speak to someone about giving, then see anyone of the leadership team who can point you in the right direction.

Our giving is totally anonymous to all but the finance team – most people give by standing order, but if you prefer there is a black box for offerings and donations on the welcome desk. If you are a tax payer please do sign a Gift Aid form to enable the church to recover tax and make the money go further. Once completed these can be put in the black box.

Bank details if you need them are: Colwall Community Church 09-01-54 73133709.

By everything I did, I showed how you should work to help everyone who is weak. Remember that our Lord Jesus said, "More blessings come from giving than from receiving." Acts 20:35

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