



*Mission Partnership Newsletter*  
*February 2021*

Dear Friends,

Phew! January has proved an exceptionally busy month already. Apart from the usual round of meetings, a number of significant projects are now launched or about to be launched. For ease of presentation, I'll list what's happening:

- **gentlespaces**, our bereavement support service has now “gone live” on zoom. Stantonbury & Willen LEP and St. Mary’s Bletchley have already got started and Walton LEP is approaching that point. I am thrilled at the number of people who have volunteered and undergone the training. Please pray for the initiative and all those whom we hope will be helped by it across the city. If you know of anyone that you think might benefit, do suggest they contact our dedicated phone line.
- **The Vine**, our new programme to foster intentional discipleship launches on February 10<sup>th</sup> and booking for the event is now open. This initiative has arisen directly from the clear desire expressed at our last Assembly to engage in this kind of approach. I am hugely excited by this and would strongly encourage you to come along to the launch and find out more. Even if you can’t come on the night, let us know if you are interested to make sure we include you in the programme. Why not encourage friends to come along as well?
- **coMPass** kicks off in February. I’m delighted that Barry Lotz has joined the team: Barry will be leading a very topical course on “Being a Resilient Church” based in Colossians and with ample use of youtube!! Carolyn Sanderson is offering a great course on passing on faith to the next generation “What shall I tell the kids?” and Peter Ballantine wants to give “Worship: a Spring Clean”. Please sign up, encourage others to join in and note that bursaries are available.
- **Family Mentoring**. The ROC (Redeeming Our Communities) organisation has just appointed an excellent person to head up a Family Mentoring scheme in MK and they are now actively looking for volunteers to deliver it. If this is something you could offer to support, please make yourself known.
- **Assembly**. We have decided to hold our next Assembly on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Details will be forthcoming soon, but the intention is to explain something about the Mission Partnership itself and take away some of the mystery!
- **Reflections**. I am very grateful to Matt Trendall who has made his Epiphany Reflections available to us. Do make use of an excellent resource.



Detailed information on all of these projects is, or soon will be, available on the website <https://missionpartnership.org.uk/> and on our facebook page.

Finally, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable, if anything is excellent or praiseworthy, think on these things.  
Phil.4v8

Every Blessing,  
John