

## Richard's Ramble

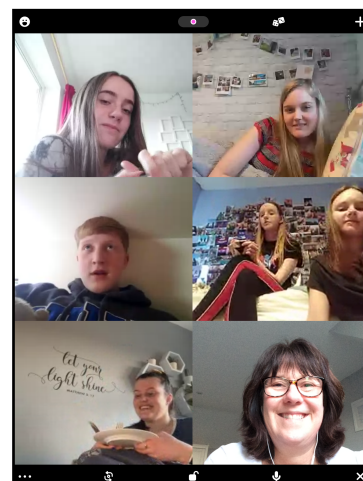
This has been an unsettling and difficult time for all of us. Initially, everything was different and new, but now other factors have come in. The Government are slowly lifting of restrictions, but we have no idea how long that will take. For many, the boredom factor has kicked in, particularly with the restrictions of not visiting places of interest or entertainment. Also, as communal people, we crave human contact, but that is very restricted at present. As we look forward, we cannot, at the moment, see what the 'new normal' will actually be, but we do know that some things will never be the same again. For churches, this process may take a long time as gatherings of people in one place without restriction will be one of the last things to be lifted. For myself, I have found I am busier than I was previously. I am involved in many Zoom meetings with different people and organisations, as well as preaching twice per week to our partner church in India. We have also had the challenges of learning new technology and making it work. Hopefully, you are seeing those incremental improvements each week. Amidst it all, I know that God is faithful. He is working out his plans in the earth and, no matter what is happening around me, I can trust in his enduring love. He holds the future in his hands and, on the back of this crisis, he will continue to work powerfully in and through his church. Whatever the future brings, I know that God will be part of it.

**God Bless, Richard**



Throughout this pandemic, our youth group have been keeping in contact; we've been doing weekly FaceTime meetings and doing a bible plan together. Although it's quite hard to go through this quarantine, it's lovely to still be able to talk to each other and discuss our readings from the bible throughout the week. (Picture missing Tom and Phoebe)

**By Rebekah Ross**



## KINGDOM KIDS

Well, as with the rest of the world, have been holding online 'Kingdom Kids' sessions every Sunday morning 10-10:20am, with the children of BCC!

We have celebrated three birthdays so far with another happening next week. We've enjoyed contributions from the group with prayers being written and read out by the children, to dances being performed with great enthusiasm and energy!

We are currently considering the Parables that Jesus told. From The Wise and Foolish Men, The Mustard Seed, The Good Samaritan to The Lost Sheep, amongst others.



The majority of the Parables are about building God's Kingdom so we have heard about how we are all here to build and encourage one another, to tell God how we may be feeling and to trust that He has the best for us, no more than at this present time.

Please continue to pray for the children in Kingdom Kids, that they may know God's peace and reassurance as some children return back to school and others remain at home. Many thanks, and every blessing to you all.

**Carolyn**