

HBC LADIES' NEWS

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Welcome

Welcome to the seventh edition of the **HBC Ladies' News**.

We are delighted this month to hear from Geoff and Jane Mann who were due to speak at the Ladies' Group on their involvements with the **Gideons** which is now called **Good News for Everyone!** If you would like a copy of their 6 monthly magazine, please contact Val Joslin - valjoslin@aol.com

Also, thanks to Barbara for another photo from her garden.

Click on the link to see the November and December notice sheet from the Harston Baptist Church - [HBC Notices](#)

Seen in the Garden



Another beautiful flowering plant from Barbara's garden - **Clematis cirrhosis 'Freckles'** - which will flower throughout the Winter.

Verses to Ponder



Rejoice in the Lord always,
I will say it again: Rejoice!
Let your gentleness be evident to all.
The Lord is near.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:4-7

Good News for Everyone!

In 2018 the Members of Gideons International in the British Isles had to leave Gideons International because they allowed ladies to join the organisation in their own right. Because of this we had to give up the name 'Gideons' and the logo. We are currently called 'Good News for Everyone' with an Open Bible logo, but are doing exactly the same work as before, placing Scriptures wherever we can so that people might find the Lord for themselves.



London has always needed help having far more opportunities than members, so since 2015 we have worked in a quarter of London every year helping the local members in September. In 2019 we started planning for the 2020 Scripture Focus but along came Covid-19!

We prayed about what we should do this year and in June the Committee felt the Lord was telling them to work in a different way. Instead of covering every possible avenue in ¼ of Greater London we felt we should cut down the avenues of distribution and widen the area covered, and instead of cold calling every establishment as we would usually do, we had to have the orders pre-packed and ready to deliver! This only gave us 3 months to do all the preparation for the 2020 Focus!

Good News for Everyone! (cont)

Lockdown Memories

Like many people, during lockdown I have started to take some regular exercise. It has also been a great opportunity to listen to music, both new songs and old, as a way of focusing my mind on something other than my aches and pains!

One of my favourites is the song 'My heart is filled with thankfulness' by Keith and Krystyn Getty, which reminds me, one by one, of so many blessings that I have in Christ.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yTpJxPyo3JE>

Joan Goon

Next Month

In the December edition:

- Jenny Smith will bring some Christmas Craft ideas for us to tackle.
- There will be more **Lockdown Memories**
- Some thoughts about the Christmas message from Scott.
- A Christmas Puzzle

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We found all the information we needed to send a HOPE Magazine to every care home and funeral director in North, North East, East and Central London and this was done in early August with a letter offering as many Hope Magazines, large print testaments and staff testaments as each place would like - all free of any charge.

In the middle of August, 27 members from across the country telephoned every establishment and followed up on the letter that had been sent taking an order for every place who would accept.



The Scriptures and magazines were ordered and on Monday 7th September 7,000 Testaments and 6,000 Hope Magazines were delivered to a Church in Gidea Park, Romford and every box had to be manually carried into the Lady Chapel!

On the Tuesday and Wednesday a small 'Amazon' pick and pack team picked, packed and labelled 450 boxes to be distributed by Wednesday evening to various churches around the area. 16 teams of two people delivered the boxes over the next two days to the various care homes and funeral directors without touching anything that was inside the box.



On Saturday 12th September we had a 'different' day of personal outreach. With Covid-19 we felt it would not be good to offer a testament to anyone in the streets, so we had a table at all four corners of Oxford Circus, in Romford Market and in Edmonton Shopping Centre offering free Testaments or Magazines to anyone who would accept one.

We praise the Lord that despite Covid-19 His Word was placed in a needy part of London this year - 13,000 Testaments and magazines in total are now in the hands of people who might have their life changed by reading them.

Those of you who are Friends and Prayer Partners of the Cambridge Branch will already have seen a copy of the HOPE magazine, so I am sure you will agree that even the frailest person who turns over the pages may find peace looking at the pictures.

Geoff & Jane Mann