

Hi Everyone

What a year it's been! The start of the year brought many great things, from meeting up with friends, singing with my choir, CMM events, and even the challenging but amazing milestones



like my daughter learning to walk! Particular highlights for me were going to see the Netball Nations Cup in Birmingham with Helen and Nicky and also being a part of the CMM teams for Cheltenham, Kidderminster and the Worship Works day at Roger's church in Lickey. It was so lovely to see so many friends and be able to worship God together! Sadly, this would be the last event this year for CMM in person before lockdown was declared at the end of March.

Since then, like a lot of people, I have struggled overall with things not being as they were. Initially, looking after a 20month old who decided not to sleep very much and was just learning to walk, was a particularly challenging time. This was made harder as I was also trying to work for CMM in the evenings and Chris was working from home in the day. The increased demand and the stress of everything meant that my fatigue flared up and I became unwell, so we decided to form a support 'bubble' with Helen so that she was able to help care for Leah as Chris was required to work. I am pleased to say that eventually things settled down and we found ourselves in a new 'rhythm' of life with all the restrictions that were in place.



Like most university lectures, mine were moved online and my interpreting work pretty much completely stopped. It has meant that the finishing of my Masters is now somewhat delayed and finances were hit hard, but we continue to seek new ways through and hopefully soon I will be able to finish my course. I am so blessed to have been working for CMM and able to continue to work when so many have had to go without.

But though there have been many 'downs' to life this year, and I continue to struggle not seeing or being close to those I love, I have found there to be several 'ups' to this new life too.



Firstly, Having Chris at home without a long commute has given us back some family time which has been lovely and enabled us to spend more time with Leah in the evenings. She continues to bring such light to our lives and is a joy to watch her grow and develop. We also recently found out that our family will be expanding and will become a family of 4 in the summer next year! It has so far not been an easy pregnancy, but we are really blessed to have this gift of life and look forward to all that happens next year.



I have also loved how the human race, through the world of technology, has managed to adapt and try to keep connected in some way. I have been fortunate to continue “rehearsing” with my choir and also taken part in several ‘remote’ recordings both with them, and with CMM. Music has always been a tool to speak and bring healing to our hearts and I am so glad that we have been able to continue bringing light to people, as well as the message of God’s love for them, as a ministry.



Lastly, and in many ways most importantly, one of the greatest highlights for me this year has been the desperate need I have had to draw close to God. Covid-19 has forced me to examine what is important in my life and what is steadfast when all around is uncertain and constantly changing. I have learnt so much about myself and also about God, and the hunger to draw close to Him is stronger with each passing day. With many churches and ministries turning to online platforms, I have found a wealth of teaching now available to me. One ministry that has particularly touched my heart and spoken to me is that of the Glasgow Prophetic Centre. After lots of prayer and a particularly lengthy application form, I have been accepted on an internship with them, starting in January. I will continue to work for CMM at this time, only traveling to Glasgow as restrictions allow later in the year.

As this year comes to an end, I pray that we would all know God’s love, peace and light at this time and that as the world starts to eventually open back up out of lockdown restrictions, we would be able to leave space for God to continue all that he is working on in our lives. May God bless you this festive time and throughout 2021.

Amy x



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