

Dial-a-Service

I've succeeded in setting up 01938 530662 as a dial a service line, which I'm hoping will provide some comfort to those who don't have internet access, as I think that even when much of lockdown is lifted many of our older folks will still be reluctant to come out to play. The cost to the user is the same as a phone call to any other 01938 number. Cost to the MA is minimal- \$1 per month line rental and \$0.01 per minute per call.

Now I need materials to put on it.

My mother-in-law (aged 91) has used the C of E daily hope phone line & says it's actually hard work to listen for 20 minutes, so I think we need a mixture of short readings and "thought for the day" scale reflections, and some prayers. Something shorter than our weekly video service. I don't think it needs to follow the lectionary.

My plan is to create an MP3 file each week with an opening prayer, reading and reflection, some intercessions and a blessing.- all mixed up from materials that you send me, so we get a mixture of voices that people across the MA will recognise.

Please, when you get a moment, email me recordings to include: your favourite (encouraging) scripture and a reflection on it, your favourite prayers, blessings etc

Can I suggest that if you're going to record responsive intercessions stick with Lord in your mercy hear our prayer, as that is most familiar.

Recordings can easily be made on a smartphone or laptop- I don't know if desktop computers come with a built in microphone

If you need help with how to record I can talk you through it if you use a Mac.

If you use a windows PC I can only suggest searching the internet for "how to record voice on Windows and whichever version you're using. Perhaps someone who is confident in doing this could reply all so we know who to ask for help.

If its easier to record a video send me videos- my editing software can remove the visuals.

Files that are too large to send by email can be sent by We Transfer. This is easy to use and you don't need to download anything. Simply type 'We Transfer' into your internet search box or go to wetransfer.com. If it offers you the chance to register click 'no thanks' and it will take you automatically to a page where you can click one button to add the file you want to send, then type in the email address you want to send it to, add a covering note if you wish and send.

Hope you feel able to help. If you can't help please pray for the rest of us.

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