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Dear Friends,

The last 18 months or so have been a particularly important time in the life of Christ Church. We are extremely grateful to God for all that he has done in and through us – individually and collectively as a worshipping community. We are also extremely grateful for all that Gary has done and enabled during his time as Interim Minister. As we enter the final phase of interim ministry, we are excited for what God has in store for Christ Church and how we can play a part in His mission here in Chatham.

At the beginning of June, we had an away day to which the whole church were invited to help us think about who God is calling us to be, and how we might join in with His mission. As the PCC will shortly begin (in discussion with Bishop James and others) to think about the future of ministry at Christ Church, it is important to continue the reflections and discussions that began at our away day.

Over the coming weeks, we will be thinking about what it means for us to be a “Deep Church”. Our talks on Sunday mornings will be based on this theme using a book called “Deep” by Frog & Amy Orr-Ewing as the source material. This book will encourage us to think about what it means to worship God, and how we live that out as individuals and a church family. Thanks to a financial contribution from the diocese, we have a copy of this book for every household which is enclosed with this letter. We also have audio recordings of the original talks given by Frog & Amy at a New Wine conference that can be downloaded from our website at www.luton.church. If you would like these on a CD or USB stick, please let Brad know.

In addition to the Sunday talks, we would like to encourage you to talk and pray about the topics with others and share your reflections on the topics. Our weekly prayer meeting on Wednesdays will provide one opportunity to do that. Brad & Esther will also be hosting a small group on Friday evenings during September.

Please do keep praying for Christ Church and our local community and know that we are also praying for you.

With love in Christ

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