



CE

Since March 2020 and followed by the surge of the Covid virus, we entered a phase of Edenderry CE which was previously unknown. This was a new and previously uncharted challenge to minister into the life of CE.

On Sunday 22nd March we started an online daily bible devotional study of Ephesians, which ran until June when we would normally be breaking up for the summer. This was written and put together by Scott McMenemy. In Ephesians Ch 3 Paul encourages us to be rooted and grounded in love. This was our prayer for each other that despite loss of community we would all continue to flourish in our faith despite the challenges of lockdown.

In June we broadcast 2 CE meetings on the 2 Saturday nights that would normally coincide with our last indoor meeting and the evening of our summer B'cue.

We also shared Podcasts on a weekly basis covering many important Biblical topics and personal testimonies.

During the summer of 2020 we had hoped to send 4 mission teams: one to Romania with Stand be Me and Cami, one to Grace and Peace church in Philadelphia, one to Malahide with Alistair and Jude Dunlop and a new team to Senegal with Robert and Kyla Cuthbert.

We had Zoom calls with the teams and the various hosts to coincide with the dates of departure of each of the teams. Hopefully this was of some help and hope to both the teams themselves and their hosts.

In September we arranged a series of devotional bible studies until the lockdown was eased and then subsequently had 3 face-to-face meetings under covid restrictions for separate year groups.

Since the recent lockdown in 2021 we have been doing weekly online studies in Romans 8 led by 13 different folk who have been involved in CE over the years. The aid to this study was Ray Ortlund's book on Romans 8, "Supernatural living, for natural people".

Now however from the end of April 2021 we have recommenced face-to-face CE meetings under strict covid regulations for 2 different age groups separately each Saturday evening.

All of this, like it has been for so many other groups, has been challenging and somewhat frustrating, but God willing He will continue to lead and guide us in the near future as to the ministry of all the organisations in First Portadown.

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