

Tiger@Ten

Spring 2022 Update



We meet again!

Review of Winter 2021

We were so pleased to be able to successfully hold ten scheduled meetings of Seniors between August and December 2021, despite the concurrent development of the omicron Covid-19 variant. This is a huge achievement for all of us. At last, we could renew friendships and chat face-to-face with others. How we have missed being free to do that during the last two years.

The warm welcome, care of individuals and making community is what Tiger@Ten is all about, and we were able to continue that, with a Thought for the Day each session. Not only were we able to create a welcoming atmosphere in the large church building (a new venue from the much loved but too cramped Tiger lounge), but we were able to welcome many newcomers from across the village.

It was a real joy to see folks make new friendships following the long isolation of lockdown, and even near neighbours getting to know one another again after losing touch.

Several newcomers to the area and other newly bereaved folks joined us and have met up with their new Tiger@Ten friends during the week for coffee and chats. We've also had new

folks added to the team, so we can really look forward to a new season this spring. A challenge for the team was exploring how best we could all safely fit in and offer the different activities within changing covid regulation. Storing the equipment and setting up furniture takes extra effort, space and time but we think we are getting into the swing of it!

We also trialled having a guest who could chat informally about their hobby or special interest. Andrew, who makes functioning models trains showed us some of his work, and in the future, we hope we can make more of this visiting guest spot.



Christmas Celebration 14th December

We had a super morning together and got out the Christmas partywear! We reviewed the year when the faithfulness of God and the efforts

Planned Spring 2022 Dates

All Saints Church 10am - 11.15am

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of so many enabled us to connect with each other, be encouraged by Thought for the Day messages, and newsletters. We heard from Ken Markham more about CARE Sri Lanka, the organisation for whom we knit blankets. Tiger@Ten have supported this organisation since our first meetings in 2014, and it continues to support the minority Christian Tamils who experience particular deprivation. Anti-Christian discrimination continues during this Covid era, as aid, food and shelter have been withheld from our brothers and sisters in Christ. Thank you to all those who have knitted throughout the year, and who at our Christmas Special contributed £390 towards this organisation.



Here are some recent photos from CARE Sri Lanka, including some knitted items from Tiger@Ten members.

Thought for the Day was 'We'll meet again' – from our new Vicar Steve Nichols who has joined us regularly this term at Tiger@Ten. The highlight of the morning were two medleys from *The Spinettes*, a wonderful group of three professional singers who have appeared on the West End. They sang a Vera Lyn medley including of course 'We'll meet again', and later a lively set of songs from the 1960s (see photo p1).

We were able to enjoy ourselves together, to thank God for his faithfulness, and to end the morning by singing (wearing masks) with gusto

*'Hark! The Herald Angels Sing,
Glory to the newborn king'.*

Spring Term 2022

We intended to regather this week on Tuesday 11th January. Sadly, with very high local figures of positive omicron variant cases, and a winter cold that is going round, we have had to delay meeting until the **8th February**. By then, the infection figures should have waned, and we hope to return to our normal pattern of fortnightly sessions.

Dates for Spring Term

We will continue to meet in the church building and attend to any current Covid regulations. Our expected dates are:

February	8th, 22nd
March	8th, 22nd
April	5th Easter Special

Our events run **10-11.30am** in the All Saints Church Building, and always include a warm welcome to a friendly community of people over 65 years, activities and light exercise.

Come and join us!

Contact us

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