

As One at 10 Intro – 23 August 2020

Mission and Community

Good morning, thank you for joining us this morning as we gather to worship together, scattered, but one in Christ.

In these challenging times, sometimes you hear stories that make you smile. It's good to smile. I wonder what dreams make you smile? (being healthy, great holiday place, winning the world cup, composing a stunning piece of art, seeing your family thrive, finding a cure for Covid-19). Well something happened in the town of Olten in Switzerland this week that many children would dream about.

Here's a picture.....it was snowing chocolate, yes chocolate. How? The air conditioning in a nearby chocolate factory went wrong and it started blowing out small bits of cocoa that settled in this village.

Yummy, snowing chocolate. Wonderful thought

Our real lives include good news and sad news. We have exciting news in that Kit (Christopher Theodore) Byron arrived safely this week 9lbs 3ozs to James, Alice and Freddie. All are doing well and we send them our love and prayers..... We also officially say goodbye to Muriel Venning after 50+ years here at Swithin's. We'll miss her and we pray God's blessing and favour on her life as she heads up north to Carlisle to be nearer her daughter and grand-daughters.

Muriel sharing video

Today we're looking at our values of ***Mission and Community*** and Paul will share more about this later. Each one of us is uniquely created to make a God-given difference in this world, to share and be the good news to a needy world and to build a wonderful, vibrant, rich, caring and thriving Church for people to discover God. We were created for purposeful, wonderful, loving relationships with one another as part of God's family.

Prayer

Father, fall afresh upon each one of us, well up within us to bring us to life and bring life to others, so that we would radiate your brightness in our current darkness.

AMEN

