

## Across the City

26<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear all,

After 35 years of faithful, sacrificial service to the churches of Cambridge and the surrounding area, Mrs Elizabeth Sewart has decided that it is time for her to step down from her role as Editor of Across the City.

Across the City was established by the Cambridgeshire Evangelical Churches grouping in the 1970's and has continued to be produced and distributed monthly since. Although it has sought to maintain its roots, it has also been more open recently to other non-evangelical churches as things have changed and developed in the City.

It has been difficult to recruit Trustees over recent years, and we have been aware that this day was going to come at some point and a decision needed to be taken about what next.

We recently met to discuss this work in the light of Elizabeth's decision and have reached the following conclusions: -

1. It is going to be extremely difficult to replicate Elizabeth's work. We are therefore proposing that the next edition, December 2021, will be the last in its current form. We propose a period to reflect and pray about what we do next.
2. The inter-church scene in Cambridge is very different at the moment, and there is not an obvious group to take this publication forward. We would like to propose that Across the City fund a lunch for Church Leaders next May to come together and seek God for what he would have us do together in this City. We will be in touch in the New Year with a date for this meeting.
3. The form that Across the City has been taking should probably reflect the culture we find ourselves in – a focus on more web-based rather than paper copy. What that means going forward is uncertain, but we need to review it.

We would be keen to hear from anyone who has any thoughts about the way forward. We do not plan to rush into making decisions but taking time to celebrate all that has been achieved and to see what God has in store for Christian Unity in Cambridge as we look ahead.

We are sure that you will want to join us in expressing thanks to Elizabeth. What an amazing servant of the Church in Cambridge she has been!

Please don't hesitate to get in touch.

God bless.

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