We're in this together #1

- Interview parent and child about their first day at school...
  - what did mum say/child say as you went in?
  - what would child have like to have known/been told?
  - what do you wish you had said?
  - what do you think teacher would like to know?
  - was it/will it be different when it comes to secondary school?
  - what about University?
  - what changes?

- Theme this morning is how the apostle Paul cared for a church in Ephesus
  - we'll hear about how he arranged to meet with them, and pass on stuff he felt they should know... because he was sure he would never see them again
  - he wanted to prepare them for life without him, helping them to grow up in faith, not be children any more...

We're in this together #2

- People who care for others:
  - Doctor (pic)
  - footie fans (pic)
  - teacher (pic)
  - zookeeper/animals (pic)
- Interact round theme of caring for people, concerned with how they are doing, wanting to support and enable them to do stuff themselves...

- **Paul showed how much he cared by his determination to tell as many people as possible about Jesus**
  - *vs.18-21*

- **Paul cared so much about serving God that he wanted to finish whatever it was God had set him to do**
  - *vs.24*

- **Paul cared so much that he wanted to make sure that these followers of Jesus would remain firm in their faith**
  - why he'd travelled to see them, called in to meet them - show they were in this together
  - *vs.29-32*

- **Paul cared so much he didn't want to be a burden on these followers of Jesus**
  - always tried to be financially independent, not out of pride but out of concern...
  - *vs.33-35a*
  - cf parent, preparing child, not wanting to be a burden on the child

- We are in this together:
  - who are you caring for so they can grow in Christian faith?
  - who is caring for you, so you can grow in Christian faith?