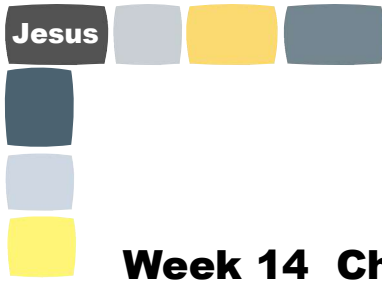


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## Week 14 Church Shutdown 20th June

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“The Church has left the building”

### Health and Safety

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

Many years ago I helped lead a young peoples group in Birstall called “Young Life “ it was a interchurch Christian youth group. We had our own building which God miraculously provided for us and later we were gifted an old CF Bedford van to transport the teenagers around in.

It had a Perspex roof and no seats in the back, we set about building bench seats in the back out of Formica covered chipboard, we then added cushions to soften the ride! It was before the days of seat belts!

The down side to this arrangement was if I had to brake suddenly everyone ended up in a pile behind the drivers seat, fortunately it didn't have much acceleration or everyone would have ended up in a pile behind the back door, or worse still out of the back doors!

It had column gear change which had a habit of coming detached from the steering column, which made driving interesting, and the front doors were sliding doors and if you weren't careful the drivers door would slide open and drop off it's rails onto the floor!



It was fun in the good old days! Before seat belts or air bags and no childproof medicine bottles - it's amazing that we all survived to reach muddle - age. Life was hazardous in the good old days.

I'm glad that we are more safety conscious today - although sometimes health and safety regulations go a step too far. Apparently, one in six schools has banned conkers from the playground for fear of broken wrists!

In one Cheshire town , the white goalposts have been removed from a playing field in case someone runs into them.

We smile and shake our heads at these crazy rules, but I have to admit the older I get the more I seem to worry about anything and everything, like the young children running ahead of their parents on the pavement oblivious to the traffic!

We're hoping that the government will allow churches to open up for worship soon but how are we going to keep everybody safe ?

Before anxiety gets a grip, I have to remind myself that God loves and cares about us more than we know, our future is in His hands and we can trust Him to keep us safe and get us home.

*Father God, let all our worries ensure that we take sensible precautions and make wise decisions, but once that's done help us to trust you for the rest.*



The Mission we are supporting this quarter is **SIM** and their website states you can give via Bank Transfer, or Telephone Donation – Telephone 01449 766464 for details or to make a card

payment, **or** by cheque payable to SIM UK at: Serving in Mission, Wetheringsett Manor, Wetheringsett, Stowmarket, Suffolk IP14 5QX, stating clearly if you would like your donation to go to a specific person or project.

#### For your prayers

Give thanks that Rachel is continuing to making steady progress and getting stronger each day.

Please continue to pray for wisdom as they consider their future ministry in the light of Brexit and Sjoerd's need to get "settled status" which involves being resident in the UK for the next five years. The practical implications are somewhere to live for the five years in the UK

Please pray for Ron and Reni both struggling with ill health at the moment. Pray for peace for Reni as she awaits hospital tests

Give thanks that Mavis is making a good recovery after her fall. Although she is still suffering pain from a cracked bone

Please pray for Janet as she recovers from Covid - 19 and begins the adjustment of life without her Mum.

A woman walked into an optician's to return a pair of glasses that she had purchased for her husband the week before.

The assistant asked, "What seems to be the problem, Madam"

The woman replied, "Sorry, but I'm returning these glasses that I bought for my husband. Unfortunately, he still can't see things my way."



Don't panic  
I AM with you.  
There is no need to fear  
I will give you strength.  
I will help you.  
I, your GOD  
have a firm grip on you  
and I AM not letting go.

Isaiah 41:10,13



If you need any help during the social isolation then please contact either Sara on 07736 972683 or Stuart on 07467 024552

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