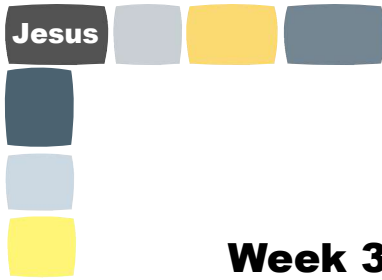


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Week 3 Church Shutdown

4th April

Well Easter is here, well almost, Sunday will be Palm Sunday then Good Friday, it will be the strangest Easter in living memory, silent empty churches all across the land, no Easter Bank Holiday for the NHS just the relentless battle against the unseen enemy that is killing both young and old in their hundreds.

I think the vast majority of people have got the message now that this is serious and are staying at home in an attempt to slow down the spread of the virus.

How I pray that through this pandemic people may come to understand that there is a virus a million times more potent than the Coronavirus because it infects everyone from birth, and like the Coronavirus some people get it real bad and it kills them early but the majority don't even know they have it.

The Bible calls it sin, it's a killer and it's statistics are perfect 100% every one born will die. Not only physical death but eternal separation from the God who made them and loves them.

Scientists are working round the clock to produce a vaccine that will kill the coronavirus it may take 12 or 18 months before they get there.

The best news is that God has killed our sin problem, when Jesus God's spotless Son went to the cross that very first Good Friday all the sin of the whole world was put on Him and He died in my place, Just before Jesus died He didn't say I am finished but He cried "it is finished" death the result of sin had died. Now when this physical life comes to an end it is just the doorway to eternal life in the very presence of God forever.

When the scientists perfect a vaccine that will kill the coronavirus it will be of no effect until it is applied to the sick person. The same is true of God's Grace it only takes effect when a sinner acknowledges their need of forgiveness and comes to God in simple faith like the thief on the cross.

The Bible says :- *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. John 3: 16,17*



We held our first midweek get together on-line this last Tuesday, it went well, we learnt to give singing along to a song video a miss !! We will be meeting again next Tuesday at 10-30 am the link will be the same for each week.

We are going to have a virtual communion service on Good Friday at 11.00 am if each of us has a little bread and a cup of wine or other drink we will be able to eat and drink together as church even though we are miles apart.

I'm working on putting together an Easter Morning sermon which will be on my YouTube channel I will email details of the link you will need to find it in the near future.



Can you not see?

The nail pieced hands
The crown of thorn
The riven side
Can you not see?
It was for us He bled and died.

Can you not feel?

The hurt, the shame,
The awful agony and pain
Can you not feel?
Ah yes we were to blame.

Can you not hear?

The shouting mob
Crucify Him!
Can you not hear?
"Father forgive"
Our Saviour sighed

Can you not know?

How much it cost
That love that glowed
From Calvary's tree
Can you not know?
HE DIED FOR YOU
HE DIED FOR ME.

Nan Maxwell

Something to pray

Lord you are majestic and all powerful, thank you for loving us, thank you for taking care of us especially at this time. The world is topsy turvey but you are in control and are able to make all things new.

Take care of the medical profession and grant wisdom to those in position making the decisions for our good. Open the eyes and hearts of those who don't seem to be taking this seriously and draw close to the lonely may they know your presence.

And Lord as the little boy said, Please take care of yourself or we're all sunk. AMEN.

Do check out YouTube there's lots of good stuff on there. For some good sermons try Trinity Church Scarborough or Cornerstone Nottingham there is also lots of good Christian music videos just type in the artists name, i.e. Stuart Townend in the search box.

Also Clayton TV (on line only) are streaming services every Sunday 10-30 and 6-30 there is lots of good stuff to watch , again type Clayton .TV into your search engine and you will find it.

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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