



Friday 24th April

Dear all,

I would like to share a poem, written by Barbara Jones' neighbour a few weeks ago.

A call to prayer

To wake up is a blessing,
We took for-granted every day.
Then the virus came to town,
We had to change our way.
The world has got an illness,
As yet there is no cure.

The government says we'll be okay,
But don't go out the door.
We have to go on lockdown.
Wash hands and stay at home.
The worldwide news is scary.
They say, even worse to come!

The children once locked in their
rooms,
Like zombies on their tablets.
Are realising it's not such fun,
They have to change their habits.
A simple walk such a luxury
Enough to eat a treat.
Someone to hug,
And company is really rather neat.

And so when this is over,
And lessons have been learned.
For others who gave selflessly,
We need to be concerned.
Don't forget the sacrifice,
Of so many through it all.
Who never thought about themselves,
When they got their crisis call.

Lives and loves have all been changed,
By sadness loss and grief.
This virus we call covid,
Takes lives just like a thief.

Our spirit won't be broken,
Faith and unity springs alive.
God has given hope and courage,
And I trust we will survive.
So my friends I ask you,
Pray and never ever give up hope,
Share God's love with joy and laughter,
He enables us to cope.

I love the last verse and that is our prayer for you all at this time. We pray you will know hope, you will share that hope and that through this time many will unite and

come to faith in Jesus. If you are feeling hopeless, you are unwell or struggling please do get in touch and we will pray and help in whatever practical ways we can.

SERVICES

We are wanting to continue to make services easier for people to engage with. Those of you who joined us on Thursday night, will know we are using a new piece of software to help you see the slides. If you are finding something difficult to engage with please do let us know. We are not going for the slick look or pre-recording services, because we want to be present with you and they are more work than we have time for. Sung worship is very important to us as a community, however doing it as part of a service isn't simple due to copyright and streaming licenses. Please continue to use the playlists of our Youtube channel.

COFFEE TIME

We will be meeting for tea and coffee after church on Sundays on zoom. We will meet from 11:45am-12:30pm. We are setting an end time as we want people to feel released to go and do other things. Please try and be online for 11.50, if you are running late please do let us know. Please contact us for the link.

PRAYER MEETINGS

Calling out to God to heal our world, is something we know many of you are doing individually. We know from the bible that when two or three gather God meets with them. Therefore we want to invite you to join us fortnightly for a prayer meeting on a Tuesday evening on Zoom. The first one will be this Tuesday 28th April at 8pm. Please contact us for the link.

Please know that we are praying for you,

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