

## **SUNDAY 29TH MARCH**

For those who cannot get online, there will be a service on BBC Radio 4 at 8.10am or Songs of Praise on BBC1 at 1.15pm

**Huge CONGRATULATIONS** to Rosa & Loz who were married life on marvellously sunny Tuesday - Coronavirus notwithstanding! Pray that they would be blessed beyond measure as they start their married life.

Please keep in touch with friends and those you know who might not be able to interact much... if you're finding time on your hands, perhaps it's time to dust of your pen and paper and send a letter or two! For those who are more technologically minded, you could consider setting up a Whatsapp group with your home group, or even try hosting a meeting, bible study or social via Zoom.

If you need **practical support**, please get in touch with a member of the staff team who can guide you about how to go about accessing the food bank organised by the Salvation Army.

Neil has been busy looking at a selection of **Online Content for the Children**. He will be sharing a list of the resources he thinks are the best. Please keep an eye out for it on the website or our Facebook page in the next couple of days.

## Verse for the week: Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

I have, by grace, been made a child of God and confessed Christ as my Lord and Saviour. God's Word urges me to stand firm – believing the promises, strong in the Lord, secure in his love and assured of eternity.

I recognize and affirm the pioneering ministry of my Lord who has prepared a pathway – where he has gone before I am to follow. More than that I follow in the strength that he supplies by his Spirit within me.

I have as my trailblazer one who knows me intimately and who has lived this life, experiencing its challenges and persevering in obedience to his Father.

I know one who has passed through the heavens, who having completed the work of salvation allotted to him sat down beside the heavenly throne. He reigns in eternity and will return in glory.

How wonderfully appropriate, therefore, is the invitation in verse 16 – this is a time of need when we are hugely dependent on the mercy and grace of God. We are invited therefore to draw near to that throne of grace and find our deepest needs met. It really is beyond amazing that we can touch heaven in response to the Saviour's call. Our Saviour and our reigning Lord transforms our lives and blesses us with eternal love, grace and mercy. (RS)

"How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!
It sooths his sorrows, heals his wounds, and drives away his fear.
Weak is the effort of my heart, and cold my warmest thought;
But when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought." (John Newton)

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- St Columba's Presbyterian Church as part of the Church in Jersey
- Herne Bay: Christ Church (Hampton: St Andrew) as part of the Diocese of Canterbury
- Helen Vandenborn (formerly Bailey) continue to pray as she receives treatment for cancer

- Helen Ryan as she continues her ordination training
- Dennie de Faye who is finding life rather stressful having recently moved
- The staff team trying to navigate us all through this time as a fellowship

Francelise Gallaher is the contact for the **Prayer Chain**; francelise2@yahoo.co.uk or 07584 511102 You can also leave confidential prayer requests on the front page of the website.

If you need our help, please call and leave a message; we will get back to you.

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