

Hello and Happy Mothers Day!

I'm sure some will be finding it hard that you are not able to share with loved ones.

If you are viewing this then it is likely that you can connect on line with them in some way.
Do it!

Many in our church do not have the technology and knowledge to this. We need to find ways of helping one another in this. We are all going to have to learn new ways of doing things at this time.

I was meant to be at Eden church this morning and Ann Morse was meant to be with you.

I was going to take the opportunity to share with the people at Eden in one message, the same message I shared with you over three Sundays when I first started last March. The reason being that as I was preparing them a year ago, I was, I admit, thinking of the folk at Eden as well as thinking of you. In one sense it was simply the adjustment of moving from one church to another. But also, I think because as I started out in my ministry with you I did sense the lord speaking to me of a partnership between the two churches. And indeed a greater partnership through all the churches in the town.

Well, events have taken over, and this week 6 churches in the town were represented as we met (virtually on line through a great app called zoom) to begin to think through how we might work together in our community at this time.

It is at times such as this that we really miss being together and we have to think of different ways of connecting. Me talking to you in this way is one of them.

I want to encourage you to use social media and on line apps such as Skype and Zoom But if you haven't got that then simply Phone each other. As soon as you have finished watching this, phone someone you know who doesn't have the facility to watch this. Share with them what I have said. A script is also available on this site.

So this is what I was going to share with Eden and it is a reminder to you at this time. Jesus is Lord. As Lord He Loves us, Leads us and Launches us.

Jesus Loves us -

we so need to know the reality of His Love at this time.

For those especially who face the lack of social interaction, Seek the love of God

Spend time in His presence

Become increasingly aware of His presence as you wait on Him

Offer him your love and worship

Sense him coming closer to you than he ever has before

Jesus Leads us -

This could be a time where you hear His voice more clearly than you ever have before

Read your bible, read good books, use the vast array of teaching available on line. And there's always the Daily Service at 9:45a.m. on Radio 4.

Talk to one another on line or on the phone

Pray for his leading at this time for yourselves and especially for those making difficult decisions for our nation and the nations around the world

We are living in unprecedented times. It is critical at this time that we wholeheartedly seek our Lords leading.

That we pray daily for one another that we pray for this country and for all countries in the world

The Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby has called for a day of Prayer today, Mothering Sunday.

We are encouraged to light a candle in our windows at 7pm as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ.

Jesus Launches us -

You may not be able to physically go to people right now. Our movements are limited
Pray for new ways you can do this at this time. Social media is an obvious vehicle.

As is the phone

I have been so blessed watching such scenes as in Italy, people looking out of their windows singing songs with each other

And the many ways that people have been reaching out to their neighbours who are isolating.

We may need to keep a social distance but our hearts can go out to one another.

Find ways to encourage and bless one another, wherever possible offer a prayer for the person you have connected with

If you do get the chance to go to a shop, be especially kind to those working in our shops, they have been so busy and have experience such unnecessary abuse in the last week.

This is sad and we must do everything we can to lift the spirits of those who are fearful.

Nothing has changed in Jesus ability to Leads us and Launch us and certainly he will go on Loving us. Our response is to do the same.