



Letter #18 Church Family 12/05/2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

*“I have loved you with an everlasting love;
I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.” Jeremiah 31:3*

Amid the exile God’s people are given a word to encourage them. Though they are suffering and cannot see how things can improve, they are reminded that the Lord’s love is an everlasting love, which is not conditional upon their circumstances or behaviour. How much do we need to be continually reminded during these days of the everlasting love of the Lord Jesus!

1. Praying together

Keep praying! It’s so easy to stop praying so it’s great to encourage each other to keep going. If 7:30pm doesn’t work for you then please select another time but do seek the Lord each day. And as you pray, please pray especially for the Dawes family. Noel went home to be with the Lord yesterday evening – pray for the Lord to be a support to Kim and to their children Helen, Ali and Simon and their respective families. Please also pray for Rich and Harri Bell and their work in Kenya. [Click here](#) for the video interview, conducted last Sunday evening.

2. Listening to God’s word

Matt has produced a short talk ‘Zoom and the Gospel’ to stimulate our thinking. Join him as he interacts with Cara looking at Zoom through the lens of the gospel. To access it [click here](#).

3. Explaining God’s word

The webinar on John’s Gospel will be running again this Thursday evening at 8:15pm-9pm. Even if you or your friends didn’t attend previous sessions you are most welcome to join this Thursday. Simply go to the website home page or [click here](#). Once again, I’ll be speaking for about 20 minutes and then I will handle any questions that have arisen with the event concluding by 9pm. Please pray that the Lord would use this opportunity!

4. Preparing to hear God’s word this Sunday morning 17 May

This coming Sunday would have been our Together Service. With circumstances as they, are we’ve decided to hold off until a day when we can be physically together. However, we are having a joint All-Age Service across the congregations, live-streaming at 10am on Sunday on both the usual YouTube Channels. Ed Drew, Director of Faith in Kids, will be speaking. Many people are working hard to make sure it’s a service that is accessible to all ages, and all congregations.



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There are a couple of things that you might like to do in order to prepare for that service.

- Read Mark 6:30-44 beforehand, in an adult or children’s Bible. What are the surprises? How would you explain it to a friend? What is worrying you at the moment? Pray for Ed as he prepares to speak to us.
- Get some soft toys ready to bring to the live stream (Ed will refer to them at some point)!
- [Click here](#) for the activity sheet to help your children begin to engage with the Bible passage we’ll be exploring.

Finally, a song and a prayer....

The song [[Click here](#)] is called ‘Take heart’ and was recorded live in 2019.

The prayer is the Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter:

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Warmly in Christ,

Angus MacLeay

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Click here	For the Interview with the Bells
Click here	For Matt’s talk on Zoom and the Gospel
Click here	For the webinar on John’s Gospel
Click here	For the activity sheet
Click here	For ‘Take Heart’

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