



Letter #9 Church Family 10/04/2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Heidelberg Catechism was written in 1563. It's first question is 'What is your only comfort in life and death?' The answer begins *'That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ.'* It's a wonderful affirmation of assurance - exactly what we need in these difficult days.

That answer has recently inspired the Gettys to write a new song for this Easter Sunday '[Christ our hope in life and death](#)'. I trust that listening will inspire greater confidence in our Risen Lord Jesus during these days.

There are a number of things which I would love to bring to your attention:

1. Our Good Friday services both for the **main congregations** and **GC/4OC** are being live-streamed at 10am. Please also check out the children's resources provided by Cara Smith and Hannah Blake.
2. Our Easter Sunday services for the **main congregations** and **GC/4OC** will also take place at 10am on Easter Sunday morning, again with resources for children.
3. Please feel able to use this electronic [flyer](#) designed by Matt Taylor to invite friends, family and neighbours to watch our Easter service.
4. Our non-Christian friends may also want to find out a bit more and John Khnana has kindly been working hard to produce a [set of very short videos](#) entitled "Hope in the face of fear" to get people thinking with an encouragement for them to explore things further in the coming days.
5. Please keep praying at 7:30pm each evening - knowing that others are praying can be a great encouragement, and there are so many needs at present.
6. Prayer briefing for this weekend:
 - Please pray for the clear proclamation of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ this Sunday by Angus and Tom. Pray for God's Spirit to apply the words of life to people's hearts.
 - Please pray for our Prime Minister, Boris Johnson. As I write these words he is still in intensive care. Pray for physical healing but also for him to turn to embrace the living Saviour. Pray for great wisdom for the government in these days and for protection for all those involved in the provision of health care.
 - Please pray for our pastoral care networks across all our congregations to be effective in providing practical and spiritual encouragement in every sort of situation. Pray for each of us to be active in reaching out to others so that we can demonstrate and share the love of the Lord Jesus Christ.



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7. Finally, a prayer from the Book of Common Prayer

Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of Thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

... and when we get to Easter Sunday: *'Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!'*

Warmly in Christ,

Angus MacLeay

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