

Newsletter

19 April 2020



Friday Friendship online!

Join in on Fridays at 10am for 40 minutes of chat over a cuppa (make your own!). You will need to download the Zoom app onto your smart phone/tablet or computer. Go to Google apps or direct to www.zoom.us. Enter the Meeting ID: 738 8875 6789 and Password: 8FrDCW.
We hope to see you there!

Our dog Barney loves his walks. If he hears the “W” word mentioned, he’ll pester us incessantly until we take him out. Since lockdown, and with five people at home eager to get out and have their daily exercise, he’s never been fitter or happier.

However, some months ago things were a little different. On one of his usual walks something spooked him, we’re still not sure what, but his instinct was to run. Despite our efforts to call him back, he just kept going. After searching a few fields, we eventually decided to head back home. When we arrived, we found Barney lying in his basket, his place of safety. Another family member had heard him scraping at the door and let him in.

I wonder what our place of “safety” is in times of fear? For Barney the house was clearly a safe place and we were relieved that he chose to run to it. However, for some their place of safety is not a safe place at all. I was talking to a friend who told me of the time he sat next to a man on a plane. As the plane taxied towards the runway, the man began to apologise, “I’m going to get drunk on this flight” he said. My friend replied, “It sounds like you don’t want to.” “I don’t,” said the man, “but I always run back to the wine”.

In times of fear and uncertainty, Proverbs 18:10 gives us the go-to place to run and seek shelter, “The name of the Lord is a strong fortress; the godly run to him and are safe.”

Jesus, forgive me for running to anything but you in search of life and happiness. Help me to turn away from those things now, and turn my life over to you and the freedom you offer me.
Blessings, Peter.

Our Sunday Service:

Please join us (online!) for our Sunday Service. Go to Exwick Community Church's Youtube Channel, and find the Service for today. We'll gather at 11 am to 'share' as a family together. You can then sing along to the songs on the video, words below!

ONLINE RESOURCES

YMCA Exwick Young families worker

Harri is still working, so if you know someone who might benefit from some support please get in touch with her. Harri has been putting some Bible stories on the **Friday Friendship and Exwick Community Church Facebook pages**. Please encourage people with children to like the pages as Harri will also put on links to useful information for families through this time of Lockdown.

Harri.sharp@ymcaexeter.org.uk



SPRING HARVEST

This year the popular spring Christian Bible teaching holidays were cancelled due to CV-19. Not to be defeated however the Spring Harvest team put together an amazing programme of videos which were accessible on **Youtube**. Search for **Spring Harvest 2020**.

Much of the week's content will be available at least until the end of April. There are bite-size morning devotions, 10-minute evening blessings, Bible teaching on the theme, and all sorts of things in between. There are also some sessions for non-believers. Please have a look yourself and share with your friends.

VERSE OF THE WEEK:

If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

John 14:3

Good morning everyone

Well, that's it. Easter's over for another year, so let's get back to normal. Oh, I just remembered, there is no normal at the moment.

In John chapter 21 we read the disciples have gone back to normal, and gone fishing (it's what they used to do), they fish all night and catch nothing. Then Jesus appears and tells them to drop their net on the other side of the boat, and they have the best catch ever. Wow! thinks Peter, normal could be ok.

Jesus then asks him 3 times those famous words: 'Do you love me more than these? Or do you love "normal" more than me?'

Peter answers 'Lord you know all things; You know I love you.' Jesus says 2 things to him: 'Feed my sheep' and 'Follow me.'

This morning do you really want to go back to normal, or as you spend time with Jesus in these days, is something is unsettling you inside? Peter found his life was never normal again as he followed Jesus.

Go on take the risk, as the old hymn says:

All to Jesus I surrender,
All to him I freely give,
I will ever love and trust him
In his presence daily live.

I surrender all, I surrender all,
All to you my blessed saviour
I surrender all.

God bless, John and Dorcas.

Sunday Worship Songs

CCLI Licence No. 275889

VERSE 1: Everlasting God

The years go by but You're unchanging
In this fragile world
You are the only firm foundation
Always loving always true
Always merciful and good
So good

*CHORUS: Yesterday today and forever
You are the same You never change
Yesterday today and forever
You are faithful and we will trust in You
We will trust in You*

VERSE 2: Uncreated One

You have no end and no beginning
Earthly powers fade
But there is no end to Your kingdom
Always loving always true
Always merciful and good
So good

BRIDGE: Yahweh God unchanging
Yahweh firm foundation
You are Yahweh God unchanging
Yahweh firm foundation

Vicky Beeching © 2002 Thankyou Music

VERSE: Say the word

And I will sing for You
Over oceans deep
I will follow
If each star was a song
And every breath of wind praise
It would still fail by far
To say all my heart contains
I simply live
I simply live for You

*CHORUS: As the glory of Your presence
Now fills this place
In worship we will meet You
Face to face
There is nothing in this world
To which You can be compared
Glory on glory
Praise upon praise*

*You bind the broken-hearted
And save all my tears
And by Your Word
You set the captives free
There is nothing in this world
That You cannot do
I simply live
I simply live for You*

Russell Fragar © 1999, 2000 Hillsong Music Publishing Australia

VERSE 1: Jesus, be the centre

Be my source, be my light
Jesus

VERSE 2: Jesus, be the centre

Be my hope, be my song
Jesus

*CHORUS: Be the fire in my heart
Be the wind in these sails
Be the reason that I live
Jesus, Jesus*

VERSE 3: Jesus, be my vision
Be my path, be my guide
Jesus

Michael Frye © 1999 Vineyard Songs

Our puzzle of the week takes its inspiration from Peter's talk on video, where Jesus proclaims, 'I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.' (John 14:6) If you want a real challenge, cover the list of words on the right, and see how many you can find!

Titles for Jesus

R	T	S	A	G	R	O	T	A	I	D	E	M	T
C	L	E	A	A	H	A	I	S	S	E	M	R	I
P	I	R	A	L	I	U	U	A	T	N	U	S	R
O	T	U	S	C	A	E	I	L	L	T	T	O	P
T	S	U	E	E	H	M	T	R	H	R	H	W	T
T	I	E	F	E	M	E	B	A	I	A	S	O	S
E	R	U	I	R	C	A	R	N	L	T	T	M	A
R	H	G	L	T	I	C	I	I	E	P	E	C	V
V	C	N	A	P	P	T	T	R	C	C	H	R	I
A	T	I	G	R	Y	O	T	I	A	M	V	A	O
A	O	K	I	E	L	E	U	N	A	M	M	E	R
T	I	N	A	M	R	O	C	K	O	M	E	G	A
Y	C	O	R	E	R	M	M	E	K	Y	A	W	I
E	I	C	O	U	N	S	E	L	O	R	S	M	H

PRINCE
MESSIAH
MEDIATOR
ALPHA
TRUTH
TEACHER
EMMANUEL
OMEGA
LIFE
WAY
TRINITY
I AM
COUNSELOR
POTTER
ROCK
LAMB
CHRIST
SAVIOR
KING

Play this puzzle online at : <http://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/243/>

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Hilary and Jimmy, John, Ena and Bunty, John and Jessie, Rita, Margaret C., Bill and Carol, Colin and his family, Jan C., Bob and Judith's daughter Becky, and newborn Rafe, Ann, Roger and Jonathan.

FOODBANK: Exeter Foodbank is asking for donations to keep up with increased need. Priority items are tinned meat, tinned potatoes and UHT milk. You can collect and set items aside until you have a bag or two, then contact Graeme Salisbury on 07948 407865 and we will arrange a pick-up.

