

## Newsletter 25 October 2020



## The last one ...

We started this Newsletter to keep everyone in touch during the lockdown. As we have resumed Sunday morning services in the Parish Hall, this will be the last weekly ECC Newsletter. But do not lose heart! We will continue to gather news and inspirational thoughts in a Monthly Newsletter, the first of which will come out in November.

In the last few months we have lost two members of our family here at Exwick Community Church: John Geelan and Hilary Webber. While the loss is greatest for their families, we also share in their loss. We remember two faithful members of the church who for many years served in often unseen ways behind the scenes. I am confident that both John and Hilary have heard those precious words of Jesus for themselves, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Here is an extract from Max Lucado's book, "Cure for the common life." I recommend the whole book to you.

God bless, Peter.

God gives gifts, not miserly, but abundantly! And he doesn't give gifts randomly, but carefully—"to each according to each one's unique ability" (Matthew 25:15). Remember, no one else has our talents. No one. God elevates you from *common-hood* by matching your unique abilities to *custom-made* assignments.

"Well done, good and faithful servant," Jesus will say to some (Matthew 25:23). Maybe your dad never praised you or your teachers always criticized you, but God will applaud you. And to have him call you *good...* well, when he does, it counts! Only he can make bad sinners good. And only he can make the frail faithful. "Well done, *good* and *faithful...*" The point? **Use your uniqueness to take great risks for God! The only mistake is not to risk making one!** 

### **Online Service**



Every Sunday on our YouTube Channel: Exwick Community Church

Watch it live at 10:30am or any time after that.

# Online Fellowship



### **Sunday Share and Chat:**

12–1 pm Everyone welcome! Join us after watching the Sunday morning service for a chat.

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## NO Friday Friendship this week, 30 October

(Friday Friendship will resume the following week, 6 November)

Pastor Peter will be away this next Tuesday to Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> October.

If you need to contact a member of the Leadership Team during that time, please phone John Sumner, 01392-661663, or Sandy Salisbury, 07796-404575.

#### **VERSE OF THE WEEK:**

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Psalm 73:26

Good morning,

So many things we are unsure of at the moment: Will we go back into lockdown or not? How will we cope?

I woke with the words of Job going through my mind, 'I know that my redeemer lives.'

They are found in Job chapter 19 and verse 25, 'I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth.'

With all that was going on in Job's life he could still say, 'I know that my redeemer lives.'

I have found that the more I meditate on those words, the more excited I get that my redeemer lives.

Have a great day knowing that your redeemer Jesus lives.

God bless, John & Dorcas.



## **Sunday Worship Songs**

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#### **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

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

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

Yahweh God unchanging Yahweh firm foundation (x2)

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#### WHO HAS HELD THE OCEANS IN HIS HANDS

Who has numbered every grain of sand Kings and nations tremble at His voice All creation rises to rejoice

Behold our God Seated on His throne Come let us adore Him Behold our King Nothing can compare Come let us adore Him

Who has given counsel to the Lord
Who can question any of His words
Who can teach the One who knows all things
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

Who has felt the nails upon His hands Bearing all the guilt of sinful man God eternal humbled to the grave Jesus Savior risen now to reign

You will reign forever (Let Your glory fill the earth)

J Baird. M Altrogge © 2011 Sovereign Grace Prais

#### THE SUN CANNOT COMPARE

To the glory of Your love
There is no shadow in Your presence
No mortal man would dare to stand before Your
throne
Before the Holy One of heaven
It's only by Your blood
And it's only through Your mercy Lord I come

I bring an offering of worship to my King No one on earth deserves The praises that I sing Jesus may You receive The honor that You're due O Lord I bring an offering to You

Paul Baloche © 2002 Integrity's Hosanna! Music

#### PRAISE MY SOUL THE KING OF HEAVEN

To His feet thy tribute bring
Ransomed healed restored forgiven
Who like thee His praise should sing
Praise Him Praise Him
Praise Him
Praise the everlasting King

Praise Him for His grace and favour
To our fathers in distress
Praise Him still the same forever
Slow to chide and swift to bless
Praise Him Praise Him
Praise Him Glorious in His faithfulness

Father-like He tends and spares us Well our feeble frame He knows In His hands He gently bears us Rescues us from all our foes Praise Him Praise Him Praise Him Widely as His mercy flows

Angels in the height adore Him Ye behold Him face to face Sun and moon bow down before Him Dwellers all in time and space Praise Him Praise Him Praise Him Praise Him Praise with us the God of grace

Henry Francis Lyte | John Goss

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#### PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Jimmy and the whole Webber family, as they mourn the loss of Hilary, Arthur, as he continues to recover, John, Ena and Bunty, Bill and Carol, Jessie and the Geelan family, Ann, Roger and Jonathan, Chris Eastley, Sandra McNicol, Michele O and Helen Down suffering from fractures, and Jill's mum, Dot, as the family arrange residential care for her.

#### **Bookings for Sunday Morning Services in the Exwick Parish Hall**

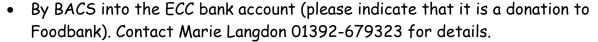
I'd like to thank everyone for being so considerate regarding booking places for Sunday worship services. It is a blessing to be able to gather in person to worship and fellowship together, even though there are restrictions. So far, we have been able to fit everyone in who has wanted to come, at least fortnightly. I did ask some people to go on the Waiting List for the first time this week, and they will have priority for next Sunday. (I never thought the day would come when we'd have to restrict people coming to church – strange times!)

Please continue to contact me to book your place for the following Sunday, and I am taking bookings up to the end of December. Then we will see where we are with government guidelines. Meanwhile, keep praying for our pastor, for the church family, and for our community, that people will continue to seek God and to find Him, in whichever manner they can. Our God is sovereign, even over Covid-19, and He will continue to work, without restrictions.

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## HARVEST THANKSGIVING

In lieu of a 'Harvest Sunday Service' this year, we will be collecting for the EXETER FOODBANK over the next few weeks. You can contribute:



- By cheque or cash in the appropriate offering box at the back of the Parish Hall on Sunday mornings.
- By donating non-perishable food items
   (their top priority items at the moment are
   tinned potatoes and sponge puddings).
   Leave donations in the Parish Hall Church
   Office, or contact Sandy Salisbury 01392 676968 for collection.



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