South Fylde Circuit Fairhaven, Kirkham and Lytham



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Dear Brothers & Sisters

Carolyn and I send our greetings, as we come towards the end of the second week of 'lock-down'. We assure you of the prayers of all the Senior Stewards and ourselves who continue to meet via the video conferencing platform 'zoom' and whatsapp and continue to seek to do all we can during this time of national crisis.

Please don't hesitate to be in touch with any of us if you have concerns, thoughts or ideas you'd like to share, to get us through these weeks of self-isolation. We thank and praise God for all those across our churches who are pastorally caring and keeping in touch with church friends, neighbours and the most vulnerable - let us not tire of doing good.

We wanted to let you know of the opportunities there are for worship with others from the comfort of your own home this Sunday -5^{th} April 2020

Sunday worship – there is the opportunity of another online service from Carolyn and I which is available at https://youtu.be/CCMKIej6uWQ There is also one from Methodist Central Hall Westminster Sunday 11.00 www.youtube.com/mchwevents You can access any of these at a time to suit you. Please pass on these links to family and friends. Maybe you could agree a time and listen in 'together' from your own homes.

1.15p.m. - on BBC 1 - Songs of Praise, this week presented by Sean Fletcher visits Glasgow Cathedral to talk about Holy Week and visits a mission where they put Christian faith to work helping others, recorded before the lockdown.

ALSO, there are printed resources for worship at home this week: . If you are able, maybe you would consider printing off a copy and dropping it through the door of any church members you know who don't have internet access [provided you are able to do this safely.]

We are thankful to the Bible Reading Fellowship's "Messy Church" resources for the materials for a 'Messy Good Friday' and a 'Messy Easter' which are also included in this mail shot

Finally, as many of us did at 8.00p.m. last Thursday night, we continue to applaud the outstanding work of all in the NHS at this time - and all those continuing to work in essential services. We pray God's protection and peace over all, at this anxious and stressful time.

For those of us self-isolating and doing our utmost to stay home and stay safe - we pray that we will stay strong in Christ, faithfully reading His word, making space for His Spirit to speak to us, to fill and to guide us. May all the glory, all the praise for all that we may think, or say, or do, go to God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

'And so, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.' (Matthew 5 v. 16).

May our God bless and be with you in the coming days. Sylvester and Carolyn

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