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4th Sunday of Lockdown - FREE CHURCH NEWSLETTER

12th April 2020 HOLY WEEK

Easter Greetings to all church members and friends!

This week is HOLY WEEK, although it certainly does not feel like it. We are still in this surreal situation where we may not go out except to get essentials and once daily for exercise or to help someone else.

As we are not able to gather for worship for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday or Easter Sunday, I have written three different Devotions, one for each of those days. As well, I have recorded them on a video link which may be found on the homepage of the Free Church website, www.stivesfreechurch.org following the link to 'Worship at home' on the Worship tab. I hope that they enable you to spend some time in reflection and prayer during this special time of the year. Other opportunities for Easter worship include listening to *Morning Service* on Radio 4, *Good Morning Sunday* on Radio 2, watching *Songs of Praise on the TV*, and don't forget to put a **candle in your front window at 8 pm** on Sunday evening.

It is certainly strange to have to stay indoors at this glorious time of warm sunshine in spring. I have never seen peoples' gardens looking so neat and tidy! I am grateful for our garden and think especially of those without one during the lockdown. Thankfully we have lots of green spaces in St Ives to go for a walk or cycle ride.

Often, we complain about the internet, but it has certainly come in to its own during this pandemic and we are fortunate to be able to keep in touch by email and telephone. It is such an encouragement to hear of the many ways that people are sharing with each other and caring for each other. I received an email from Fr Mark Amey this week saying that the Foodbank would be open this Friday at the Parish Church, so if you know of anyone who needs some food, please direct them there. Thank you to the Town Council for getting out the leaflet giving support for people during the pandemic to every house in St Ives. It looks to be a very useful magazine.

Peter and I are still planning to take our holiday week after Easter – but now cannot go to our home in Suffolk, but will remain at the manse. Alan Curtis has kindly offered to write the newsletter for next week. If you wish to speak to someone at the church please contact David Duffett, Church Secretary or Alan Curtis, Associate secretary during that week, details below.

Take care of yourselves,
God bless,

Love and prayers

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