Teenager’s Tip

We Are Not Alone

Hannah Rostron, 6th form worship co-ordinator.

1 Peter 4:12-13

In trying times such as these, it’s very easy to feel disconnected from God and our Church families. We can no longer meet to praise, learn and pray together during the week, and for many people, not having the usual support system will feel isolating.

We are not alone, though, and never will be. In the Bible, Peter assures us to not be surprised by suffering because of our faith. Our suffering is something Peter tells us to rejoice in, as it is a signpost towards God and a sign that we are blessed by his Holy Spirit.

So, even though our lives are a little bit unusual for the time being, remember to keep trusting. Go for daily walks and look around at the nature surrounding you. When we stop to take in the beautiful world around us, it can help us feel less isolated. God is reflected in the beauty of his creations and he is always there with us.

I hope you all have a great week.
Poem for the Week
Chosen by Mrs Pollock who explains:

“The King of love my shepherd is,” is one of my favourite hymns. With its words based around Psalm 23 it speaks to me in so many ways, and I have found myself praying the words on many different occasions. On reflection, there have been many times in my life when I have felt the need to draw closer to God, to trust in him and his plan for me. Therefore, I feel it would be right and fitting for our community at this time.

The King of Love my shepherd is
Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877)

The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His,
And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth,
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me,
And on His shoulder gently laid,
And home rejoicing brought me.

In death’s dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy Cross before to guide me.

Thou spread’st a table in my sight;
Thy unction grace bestoweth;
And oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth.

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever.

“I took you from the ends of the earth,
from its farthest corners I called you.
I said, ‘You are my servant’;
I have chosen you and have not rejected you.
So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

Isaiah 41:9-10

Church Support

Here are links to some alternative services and ways to contact some of our School Chaplains or their Churches. You are not alone!

Revd Ian Enticott: Accrington St. James and St. Paul, find their YouTube Channel here.

Revd Hugh Scriven: Huncoat St. John's and Augustine's is happy to send news, some written prayers and Bible reflections each week to anyone upon request. Please email him here or on their YouTube channel here.

Revd Mark Pickett: Clitheroe St. James, Virtual Prayer Space and weekly online services can be found here.

Father Chris Holden: Rishton St Peter’s and St Paul’s is happy for you to get in touch with him use this email.

Pastor Matthew Clay: Great Harwood Christian Fellowship, find their channel here.

Rev Toby Webber: Clayton All Saints have short family friendly times of worship at 10:45am each Sunday followed by a fuller service at 11am, and Friday Praise each Friday at 6:30pm. Night prayer daily at 9:30pm and other times as announced. Visit their Facebook Page for more info.

Father Andy Froud: Clitheroe St Mary Magdalene, prayers and worship online can be found here.

A Church Near You: A website to help you find out what is going on in a Church local to you. Follow this link.

Further links will be provided in future weekly bulletins.