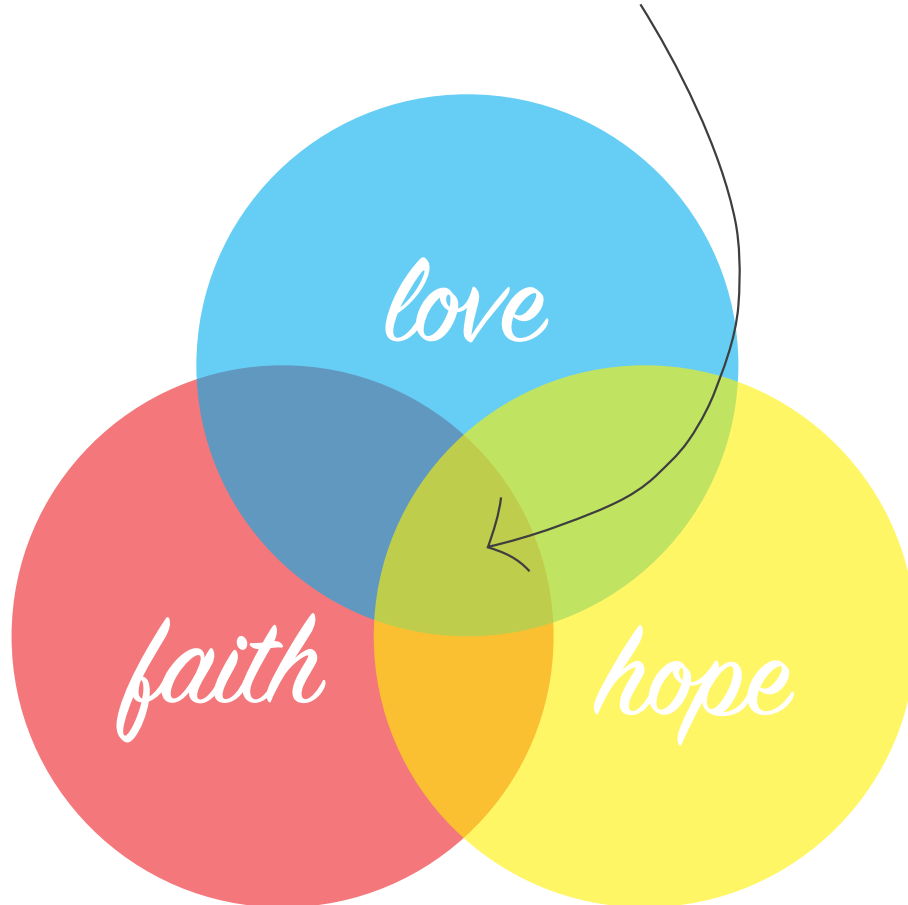


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Lessons In Isolation

19 April
26 April
3 May
10 May
17 May
24 May
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14 June

Joy (in Isolation)
Contentment (in Isolation)
Connections (in Isolation)
Modelling Jesus (in Isolation)
No Complaining (in Isolation)
Confidence (in Isolation)
Growing up (in Isolation)
Finding Peace (in Isolation)
Generosity (in Isolation)

Philippians 1:1-11
Philippians 1:12-26
Philippians 1:27-30, 2:19-30
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Philippians 3:15-21
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Philippians 4:10-23

We made a mistake. What we should have done when people crossed the line of faith and become Christians, we should have started telling people and teaching people that they have to take responsibility to become ‘self-feeders.’ We should have ... taught people, how to read their Bible between [church] services, how to do the spiritual practices much more aggressively on their own. In other words, spiritual growth doesn’t happen best by becoming dependent on elaborate church programs but through the age-old spiritual practices of prayer, Bible reading, and relationships.

~ **Greg L. Hawkins And Cally Parkinson**

Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline. Communion without confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate. Costly grace confronts us as a gracious call to follow Jesus, it comes as a word of forgiveness to the broken spirit and the contrite heart. It is costly because it compels a man to submit to the yoke of Christ and follow him; it is grace because Jesus says: “My yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

~ **Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

[To have Faith in Christ] means, of course, trying to do all that he says. There would be no sense in saying you trusted a person if you would not take his advice. Thus if you have really handed yourself over to him, it must follow that you are trying to obey him. But trying in a new way, a less worried way. Not doing these things in order to be saved, but because he has [saved you]. Not hoping to get to Heaven as a reward for your actions, but inevitably wanting to act in a certain way because a first faint gleam of Heaven is already inside you.

~ **C.S. Lewis**

It’s a dangerous business, Frodo, going out your door. You step onto the road, and if you don’t keep your feet, there’s no knowing where you might be swept off to.

~ **J.R.R. Tolkien, The Lord of the Rings**

‘All that glitters is not gold’

~ **Bilbo Baggins.**

The Sunday after the Ascension

Together with many other churches, on certain days Anglicans commemorate important moments in the gospel. Last Thursday it was the ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. The ascension, which is mentioned at the end of Luke and the beginning of Acts, marked the end of Jesus’ bodily appearances after his resurrection and his bodily ascension. This is important for three reasons. First, Jesus remains human with a body. Second, he is exalted to the right hand of the Father where he reigns as Lord. Third therefore in an important sense Jesus is now not here and we await his promise to return in glory.

**FOR THOSE MEETING IN
A GROUP SETTING, USE
THESE SIDE BOXES TO
GUIDE YOU**



**YOU COULD THEN PAUSE
NOW AND ASK 'WHAT
ARE YOU LOOKING
FORWARD TO IN OUR TIME
TOGETHER?' LET OTHERS
SHARE.**

Press PLAY on the YouTube video when you're ready, and don't take too much time.

Kids, don't forget to go to www.churchillanglican.com to download the Kids' Activity Pack.



**DYLAN WILL CALL US TO
WORSHIP**

Call To Worship

Psalm 47:1-2, 5-7

- ¹ Clap your hands, all you nations;
shout to God with cries of joy.
- ² For the Lord Most High is awesome,
the great King over all the earth.
- ...
- ⁵ God has ascended amid shouts of joy,
the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.
- ⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- ⁷ For God is the King of all the earth;
sing to him a psalm of praise.

**IF YOU FEEL
COMFORTABLE, WHY NOT
SING THIS SONG WITH
TORI, ANDY AND EMMA?**

Take the risk. Or just listen to
it if you feel awkward about
singing. God hears the heart.

Praise To The Lord The Almighty

Praise to the Lord
The Almighty, the King of creation
O my soul praise him
For He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear
Now to his temple draw near
Praise him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord
Who o'er all things so mightily reigneth
Keeping us safe
At his side and so gently sustaineth
Hast thou not seen
How all thy longings have been
Granted in what he ordaineth

Praise to the Lord
Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee
Surely his goodness
And mercy shall daily attend thee
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do
Who with his love will befriend thee

Praise to the Lord
Who when tempests their warfare are waging
Who when the elements
Madly around thee are raging
Biddeth them cease
Turneth their fury to peace
Whirlwinds and waters assuaging

Praise to the Lord
O let all that is in me adore him
All that hath life
And breath come now with praises before him
Let the 'Amen!'
Sound from his people again
Gladly with praise we adore him

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AT ANY POINT DURING THESE PRAYERS YOU COULD PAUSE FOR A TIME OF PERSONAL OR GROUP PRAYER.

Those on zoom could use the chat channel.

You could also write some prayers down in the space provided.

Call To Confession

Hebrews 10:19-22

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

Confession

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all people,
we acknowledge with shame the sins we have committed,
by thought, word and deed, against your divine majesty,
provoking most justly your wrath and indignation against us.
We earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for all our misdoings.
Have mercy on us, most merciful Father.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake
forgive us all that is past,
and grant that from this time forward
we may serve and please you in newness of life,
to the honour and glory of your name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance Of Forgiveness

Hebrews 10:23-25

²³ Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

**IF YOU FEEL
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SING THIS SONG?**

Take the risk. Or just listen to
it if you feel awkward about
singing. God hears the heart.

This Is Amazing Grace

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

*This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That you would take my place
That you would bear my cross
You would lay down your life
That I would be set free
Jesus I sing for
All that you've done for me*

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
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The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,*
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*The 'catholic church' denotes the totality of God's people through the ages who hold firm to the classic teachings of Christ's apostles, regardless of denomination. It affirms the unity of the church.

Bible

Matthew 13:44-46

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls.

⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

John 15:26-16:4

²⁶ “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. ²⁷ And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

16:1 “All this I have told you so that you will not fall away. ² They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, the time is coming when anyone who kills you will think they are offering a service to God. ³ They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me. ⁴ I have told you this, so that when their time comes you will remember that I warned you about them.

Philippians 3:1-16

¹ Further, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you. ² Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh. ³ For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh— ⁴ though I myself have reasons for such confidence.

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵ All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. ¹⁶ Only let us live up to what we have already attained.



You might like to press pause at the end of the reading and ask: 'What has God shown you?'

Invite responses if in a group or have a time of reflection if you are on your own.

Someone could read it again and to let it sink in.

Don't take too much time.



Kids! Grab your Church Hill Kids' Activity Pack and have a go at the activities.

Message

Confidence (in Isolation)

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed – not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence – continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfil his good purpose.

~ Philippians 2:12-13

1. DO SOMETHING WITH YOUR HANDS: 3:1-12

Take hold of Jesus.

He took hold of you.

2. DO SOMETHING WITH LEGS: 3:12-16

Press on to the goal.

He called you heavenward.

**IF YOU FEEL
COMFORTABLE, WHY NOT
SING THIS SONG?**

Take the risk. Or just listen to
it if you feel awkward about
singing. God hears the heart.

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the prince of glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God
All the vain things that charm me most
I sacrifice them to his blood

See from his head, his hands, his feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul my life my all

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The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

For those who like the
traditional version.

**Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

Prayer set for the Sunday after Ascension in the 1662 Book of
Common Prayer

This is read each Sunday at the 8:30am Service

**O God the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven; We beseech thee,
leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort
us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone
before, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God,
world without end. Amen.**

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COMFORTABLE, WHY NOT
SING THIS SONG?**

Take the risk. Or just listen to it if you feel awkward about singing. God hears the heart.

Before The Throne Of God Above

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea
A great high priest, whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on his hands
My name is written on his heart
I know that while in heaven he stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look, and see him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because a sinless Saviour died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on him and pardon me
To look on him and pardon me

Behold him there, the risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I am
The King of glory and of grace
One in himself, I cannot die
My soul is purchased by his blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ, my Saviour and my God
With Christ, my Saviour and my God

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1. DAILY REFLECTIONS AS YOU WALK WITH JESUS:

You can read the Bible every day with Paul White and others through our Bible Reading App: 'A Year With Jesus'.

Go to subsplash.com/ayeawithjesus/app

2. LET US KNOW HOW YOU ARE, OR HOW YOU CAN HELP:

We recognise the relational, emotional and financial strain that many among us will be going through at this time. Some of you will have lost work and income. If you are in this situation please let the staff know so we can pray with you and be of whatever assistance we can at this time. Others among us might be able to help, in various ways, others among us in their time of need. Either way our Community Care Form might be helpful to let us know. Go to bit.ly/churchhillcommunitycare

3. GIVING AT THIS TIME:

If you are able, as a member of this church, to continue your financial giving we encourage you to do so, and perhaps even more at this time (since some won't be able to). The Wardens and Parish Council are considering prudent cost cutting measures, and will be looking at our financial position at the end of April, and then May. We are, as followers of our glorious Lord Jesus, moving forward in faith, while at the same time we are being careful to be responsible in such times. We would so appreciate if you could consider your regular contributions at this time, especially if you normally give in the 'plate'.

To give electronically please use the following details online:

Bank: Westpac

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Reference: Giving + the service you attend

Benediction

1 Timothy 6:13-16

¹³ In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which God will bring about in his own time – God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honour and might for ever. Amen.

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HAVE THE CHANCE TO
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OR 'SUPPER' TOGETHER
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