



Committed to God – through worship, prayer and scripture
Committed to Community – within our congregations and reaching out
Committed to Growth – in discipleship, service and numbers

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One inclusive and extensive
Church family
Gathering in
Three meeting places (We'll meet again)
Around the Woottons
Near to King's Lynn

To The Church in the Woottons family

These words are written on the blackboard in our prayer room:

"I have come... " John 10:10

They are part of one of chapters in the Bible that I go back to again and again but I am finding that just these three words are giving me great comfort and assurance at the moment. Jesus came and it changed everything. Now, people could really know who God is and what he is like. Now they could know what love really is and they could know how much they are loved. And this was even before God's love was expressed through Jesus death on the cross and his rising to new life on Easter Day.

Parts of mine and Dan's houses are turning into photography and film studios. We are both having to re-think and learn very quickly how we can offer Sunday based teaching and ministry to you. As Sundays come and go the reality of not being able to gather and meet with you during Holy Week and Easter is hitting home very powerfully.

I have always loved Palm Sunday and I remember the Passion Narrative being performed in the village church my family and I belonged to in Leicestershire. My father played the part of Pontius Pilate and I was very upset that it was my own dad who had condemned Jesus to death! I often think of the handwashing scene that was part of the drama on that Sunday and of the hypocrisy represented then and now with so much corrupt and indifferent leadership internationally. Jesus overcame the evil represented by Pontius Pilate and his words "I have come" remind me that he overcomes and will overcome all that mitigates against life being lived to the full.

I am so sorry that we can't be together during this Holy Week but look out for the following things:

1. On Maundy Thursday Julie Swinton will be offering a reflection for us and I will offer some visual images to help us engage in some way with the last supper and the communion we celebrate now to commemorate that extraordinary occasion.
2. For Good Friday Dan will be posting another video presentation
3. For Easter Day I will be posting a video presentation

I will send us much as I can by email for those of you who can't access the Church in the Woottons Facebook page or website.

We face trials and challenges during these very strange and disturbing times. Please do keep in touch us and with one another by phone, email, social media and even a wave at the window if you see someone walking near your house (within government guidelines of course!) who you recognise. If you see a man in his sixties waving at you as he walks passed your window it might just be me. Don't be alarmed.

From Liz Housden

I am very grateful indeed to James, Dan and everyone from our church who has supported me so wonderfully since Brian died. You are all very kind and I am missing you.

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