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Foreword

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Social Distance; Spiritual Closeness.

How are you? It's a question many of us are asked, and maybe in the past without even thinking we answer with: 'Good – how are you?'

The circumstances we are currently living through, have a dramatic impact on our lives with many of our routines turned upside down. Activities we have taken for granted, like going to the gym or cinema and enjoying a meal in restaurant, or even getting our haircut, are suddenly no longer possible. Across our congregations, brothers and sisters are having to deal with new challenges and in some cases, some very serious problems with health; worry over loved ones; losing jobs; being alone; loss of schooling and uncertain futures.

I therefore want to ask the question again because I am concerned for you: How are you....?

It is so much easier to have this conversation when we can look each other in the eye, however, that is sadly not possible for the time being. We have to adjust to social distancing and perhaps even self-isolation as a necessary course of action, but it is nonetheless extremely difficult when we have been used to congregating and having fellowship.

In response to social distancing, we need to strive after spiritual closeness. One way we can do this is in prayer. In His prayer of intercession, the Lord Jesus prayed especially for us with great intensity.

"Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom you have given Me, that they may be one as We are." John 17:11.

He also was in the world and understands our hardships, worries and concerns. The above verse is a plea to God that we can be kept in His love.

Keep through your name.

Let us never forget the Lord Jesus Himself pleads on our behalf, that we can feel personally connected to God. Even though we are passing through hard times; we can nonetheless experience that God is with us.

Those whom you have given me.

We belong to the Lord Jesus, who loves our souls, and He promises to be with us in all our circumstances, including our trials and burdens. He will always be at our side comforting, encouraging and guiding. Let us trust in Him.

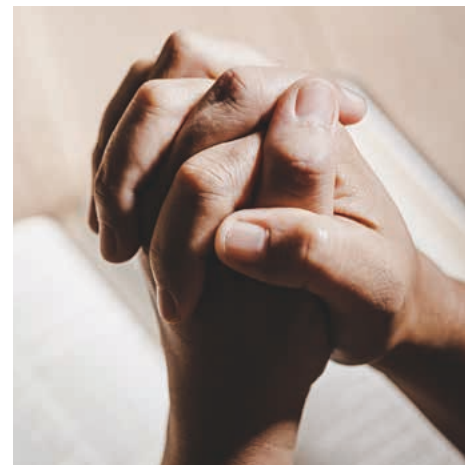
That they may be one as we are.

This is the perfect oneness of peace and harmony with God, which we will attain through His love and grace. We also want to be connected, despite the social separation, with our neighbour and our brother and sister. We can't physically be with each other, but we can still be close to one another. Please make an extra effort to do this, and rather than simply ask out of politeness: 'How are you?' Do so out of a concern for our brother and sister and spend time to listen carefully and to pray for and with each other. We are loved by God and we love one another.

Wishing you much strength and courage as well as peace and patience through the days and weeks ahead.

With love and greetings

David Heynes





Divine Service

Apostle David Heynes, Sunday 22nd March 2020.

Text word: Psalm 73:28, *‘But it is good for me to draw near to God; I have put my trust in the Lord God, That I may declare all Your works.’*

Apostle Heynes.

Good morning and a special greeting to our mothers, happy Mother’s Day. We now have to experience divine services differently based on current events, let us try to make the best of it and not lose heart. Perhaps we may think we have lost out because we cannot gather together, however, let us find a way to ensure there is peace in our souls.

Today is a special day, in that it is Mother’s Day – and many will be spending it on their own. Some mothers may also have children in eternity, and others may have their families in a different country. These combined thoughts can affect us but let us remember that we are not alone, let us pray and have empathy for others too.

Jesus lived His life in this way – the Lord said; ‘take this yoke upon you’ and explained that we can find rest and peace even in disappointment.

In Hebrews, it mentions that we ‘come boldly to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace.’ We know that our heavenly Father is not going to

punish us, He has such love for us; and we can make that step towards Him. Let us be confident in His help. In Hebrews 7:25, we read, ‘Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.’

Put all your trust in the Lord, human-kind has very little control and the viral pandemic is having a huge impact on

tions. Let us also think about our neighbour and ask, ‘what am I doing to help others?’

I can think of so many different groups of people; children no longer attending school or nursery, confirmants awaiting that special day, which now has to be postponed. University students seeking to graduate, our pregnant sisters, those who await operations or care for vulnerable family members. Let us be supportive and a wonderful example for others. Drawing closer to God and seeking some quietness for your soul.

District Evangelist Leo Aspden.

My wish is that you can all feel loving thoughts and prayers are with you. **We hear of the need for social distancing at the moment; however, we need spiritual closeness to keep us safe too.**

With this, our perspective can change, and we can feel for the wider community. Declare His love through our actions, be anxious for nothing and let your request be known to God. Meditate on the good and our God will help and bless us. ■

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our lives, may we realise that we need to come under the grace of God. Sometimes it is only when we look back on something; we realise He was always there.

I want to thank especially, our ministers for the works being done in the congrega-

