

Dear all,

Good Friday means that

> Lent is done! well done all who engaged in deliberate spiritual practices (& those who facilitated like Deb & Rebecca)

> our update this week is coming to you a little early. As usual, lots to tell you about so grab a couple of chocolate hobnobs & something to dunk them in...

Well done if you managed to join us for coffee & Bible study this morning! 38 screens (many of them containing more than 1 Christian). Linked to that, James writes:

Hi everyone,

Holy week is feeling somewhat different this year. In our isolation we are not able to gather as we might usually for Good Friday reflections and Easter Sunday services. While of course we will miss being with each other I have been struck again by Jesus' words in John 15:5 and the call to 'remain', or in older language, 'abide' in Jesus.:

Jesus said: 'I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing'. (For those who joined me for zoom 'Coffee and Prayer' on Thursday morning, it is John not Luke – sorry!)

Sometimes we can get confused and think that 'abiding' means going to church, meeting with others or being busy doing things. While these things are good, actually 'abiding' is about our own relationship with God: spending time with Him as we read the bible and pray, both talking and listening to Him, as we draw from the resources of the vine, the power of the resurrected Jesus Christ.

There are some great resources on the HTH at HOME webpage to help us 'abide' together this Easter weekend. As we interact with them, I pray that we will all know His presence with us, His love for us and His resurrection power within us.

HAPPY EASTER to you all, with love and prayer, James

...the diocese have put out a statement saying that the correct reading was indeed John 14: James was wrong, Deb was right. There will be a full investigation once the new bishop has been appointed.

Sunday is Easter Sunday (you knew that 😊) -when we celebrate the central point of our faith & the day on which the whole of history turns. Please join us online on Sunday for worship, prayer, activities for youth & children, as well as a live message from James at 10.30 am. Here's the all-important link <http://www.hthmacc.com/easter-day-12-april.html>

When you join us, please aim to have some bread & wine with you as we plan to celebrate communion

James has prompted you to look at the all-age resources we have for Good Friday and the Easter weekend on the HTH at HOME page on the website. Here's a link that'll take you straight there <http://www.hthmacc.com/easter-reflections.html>

Like so many other conferences & events, Spring Harvest has been cancelled, however the conference will be available for free via youtube between 13 - 17 April. This is a great opportunity to get some fab Christian teaching without having to actually mix with other Christians. Here is the link to the youtube channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/SpringHarvest> & you'll also find that link on our website.

Our caption competition was won by... <drum roll> ... Richard Heathcote! who suggested the caption **William is saying "I prefer white"** to the following photo



...well done Richard. You win a pack of 9 loo rolls (luxury soft as well! -but not the balsam ones) & we'll deliver those to you in the next day or so. Jared made a rude joke here about us following through on our promises, but I didn't understand it

We had a few people join us to play perudo on Tuesday evening. We're going to try a different game next week (something the Vincent family is less competent at) so please join us if you can (but only if you want to: you might prefer to watch the One Show or something) -details will follow in Tuesday's email

This week's Prayer Diary is attached

The HTH office-bunker-hub-team will be taking a break over the Easter weekend, but the answerphone is on so please leave us a message if you

- > want to
- > need to

- > get a revelation about Jesus' return
- > are a bit bored

May your isolation be splendid, your Easter be real & your end-of-lent-chocolate be fairtrade.

Love Steve

