

Thought for the week

The Lord your God carried you, as a father carries his son
Deuteronomy 1:31

Sunday 29th March 2020

CORONA VIRUS - It is with great sadness that in line with Government and UK Methodist Church advice we are suspending all church services and other gatherings with immediate effect until further notice. We will update you as and when the situation changes.

I wanted to thank everybody who got in touch regarding the video I put up last weekend, your responses have truly been overwhelming! I woke up Saturday morning and felt a strong calling to put something up. The leaders have been extremely supportive and we're hoping to create something each week together to go on the website. Please continue to watch these videos if they help you in any way, and of course, any feedback is welcome!

I hope you're all keeping healthy,
Chris (website guy)

I've had questions without answers,
I've known sorrow, I have known pain.
But there's one thing that I'll cling to:
YOU are faithful, Jesus, You're true.

When hope is lost, I'll call You Saviour,
When pain surrounds, I'll call You healer
When silence falls, You'll be the song
within my heart.

Surreal 2020 'surreal' appears to be most apt; In disbelief of where we're at! After a wet winter and so much rain; Everyone seeking signs of Spring in the lanes! Then everything thrown into disarray; As Corona arrives and is keen to stay! Within just a few days - so much change; A time of uncertainty - all so strange; And sadly, the panic buying starts; Which encourages worry and anxiety to impart. The vulnerable advised to stay at home; So all of a sudden, no longer we roam! The shops, libraries, restaurants - all out of bounds. Children at home; now to be found! So much turmoil, so much panic. Businesses alarmed - owners frantic! Tough times ahead, children frustrated; So much work - feels so wasted. Yet, the hope is that we'll pull together; Help one another, make life better. Embrace this time with family wisely; Love our neighbour, live compassionately. Learn from our pets and live in the moment; Press the pause - accept the present. We're in this together - a nation hurting; A time of waiting - probably some soul searching. May this be a time where we see what matters; Re-evaluate; change for the better. Show our children that we can cope; When things get tough - we must never lose hope. This time will make history and grief will ensue; Lord, be with us, help us through; For you're in the midst, sharing our pain; May we show your love again and again. Summer will come, the birds still sing; The seasons never cease to bring; Their familiar cycle helps to ground us. In the disarray all around us. Help us hold, steadfast and true; Sharing hope, trust - our faith in You.

God's got the WHOLE WORLD in His hands