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Dear friends

I hope and pray you and your loved ones are all keeping well. I am working at Bacton and quite busy, keeping isolated except when I come to Dereham to do photocopies and post these news letters and worship sheet. My husband Mark has closed down his kitchens and bathrooms business in Cromer and sadly 4 of his team who are self employed have been laid off. We pray for them and their families as they seek Government support.

Mother’s Day passed very quietly for everyone this year. The 29th March was the 2nd Sunday before Easter. It is called Passion Sunday. The word “passion” conjures up all sorts of images but for Jesus it was his Passion for the world to be saved from sin and to know the power that love and forgiveness can bring. Jesus was passionate about how the new church should be when he was no longer physically with them. It would be a holy place where people would engage with God through his Son by the Power of the Holy Spirit, to take out the message of the Gospel to all who would have ears to hear.

With the currant crisis I have been posting a prayer a day on Facebook and I am amazed at how many people who would not normally “like” that sort of thing are now appreciating the morning posting. Will the churches be full when this is all over? I do hope and pray so. Maybe people will realise that the things of this materialistic world are nothing compared to loving one another and helping each other in normal times as well as an emergency.

St. Paul’s letter to the Romans chapter 8 is worth a good read all the way through, but here I leave some words from verses 34 – 39, especially if you are feeling anxious about what the future few weeks might look like, and you are physically separated from your family, friends at church and feel a little detached from the world as well…“ Who, then, can separate us from the love of Christ? Can trouble do it, or hardship or persecution or hunger or poverty or danger or death? No, in all these things we have complete victory through him who loved us! For I am certain that nothing can separate us from his love, neither death nor life, neither angels nor other heavenly rulers or powers, neither the present nor the future, neither the world above not the world below – there is nothing in all creation that will ever be able to separate us from the love of God which is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord”

With every blessing, may you feel the peace and consolation of our Lord in the coming days.

Betty