



15 weeks ago, I was given a packet of seeds, which I planted using some old yoghurt pots and left-over compost. This week has been my reward. Stunning flowers opening in the rain. During lockdown we have enjoyed strawberries and raspberries, as well as lots of produce from the vegetable patch.

The Pilgrim's Progress follows the journey of a man called Christian. As he struggles through each difficulty, distraction and challenge he is often discouraged but he is frequently helped by fellow pilgrims on the way.

Let's look for those who might be struggling. Let's encourage each other to trust the one who will not let us down. Let's not be distracted but trust the plans our God has for us. Let's pray for those who's lives are tough and try and support them where we can.

## Song

Over the mountains and the sea,  
Your river runs with love for me,  
And I will open up my heart  
And let the healer set me free.

I'm happy to be in the truth,  
And I will daily lift my hands:  
For I will always sing of when  
Your love came down.

I could sing of your love forever,  
I could sing of your love forever,  
I could sing of your love forever,  
I could sing of your love forever.  
I could sing of your love forever.

Oh, I feel like dancing  
It's foolishness I know;

But when the world has seen the light,  
They will dance with joy,  
Like we're dancing now.

Martin Smith

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**Read Ruth 4:9-10, 14-15 Matthew 1:1-6**

**Teaching - Jesus the Redeemer**

## Communion

We invite you share communion, remembering that the sacrifice of Jesus brings us new life.

While you may be doing this alone, there are many others, both in our church and across the country celebrating at this very moment.



## Prayers

Led by Pip & Stuart

Lord, we thank you that you are the one who never leaves us and you are faithful in times of sorrow and joy.

You are our Father.

We pray for those who face the greatest challenges during this pandemic:

those with underlying health issues, the weak and the elderly, those with disabilities or caring for children with additional needs, the lonely and fearful.

May your presence bring strength, hope and peace.

You are our Father.

Thank you for the frontline workers - putting their own health at risk to keep us safe.

We pray for those who are overwhelmed and exhausted by the demands placed upon them.

Please give them encouragement, energy and wisdom.

You are our Father and we trust in you.

In Jesus' name

Amen

We pray for:

Our families, particularly the church family that they will be kept safe

Those struggling with social distancing, those who feel isolated, that you will comfort them

Help us to know who needs us to come alongside

Those who have lost members of their family  
For the young not meeting friends or playing games

For those who have been furloughed

Help us seek you, comfort us be with us

## Song

Who am I that the highest King  
Would welcome me?

I was lost but He brought me in

Oh His love for me

Oh His love for me

Who the Son sets free

Oh is free indeed

I'm a child of God

Yes I am

Free at last, He has ransomed me

His grace runs deep

While I was a slave to sin

Jesus died for me

Yes He died for me

Who the Son sets free

Oh is free indeed

I'm a child of God

Yes I am

In my Father's house

There's a place for me

I'm a child of God

Yes I am

I am chosen

Not forsaken

I am who You say I am

You are for me

Not against me

I am who You say I am

In my Father's house

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Let the Word of Christ - the Message - have the run of the house. Give it plenty of room in your lives. Instruct and direct one another using good common sense. And sing, sing your hearts out to God! Let every detail in your lives - words, actions, whatever - be done in the name of the Master, Jesus, thanking God the Father every step of the way.