

Eynsford Baptist Church

God, where are you?

By the end of May, we will have been in lockdown for over two months , and will all have our own stories to tell of how we have managed, what unexpected things have happened and know of stories of courage and sacrifice of people in all kinds of situations.

The pandemic has created circumstances in which many acts of kindness, have been conceived and conducted - it has created space in busy lives for the compassionate to respond.

It has created time for recognition of the roles played by key workers and thankfulness for their dedication to serve and care.

But where is **God** in all this? **He** certainly is in it because **We** are in it!

He has promised - "He will never leave us (De 31:8)" and "Behold I am with you "(Mt 28:20), "I will not leave you as orphans (Jn14:18), but will send my comforter the Holy Spirit", so He travels with us in this crisis, sometimes incognito as with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, (Lk 24:13) - but always present, "the shadow at our right hand" (Ps 121).

With God as our companion we can draw comfort from His eternal promises of goodness towards us (His plans to prosper you and not to harm, to give you a future and a hope (Je 29:11), and rely on the certainty He promises, "to make us more than conquerors" and that we can never be separated from His love (Rom 8:37-39).

So what ever you are struggling with today, reach out to God, allow Him to "lift you from the pit of destruction, set your feet upon a rock, and make your footsteps firm" (Ps 40:2), because **He** cares for **YOU** (1Peter 5:7).

Church Notices

During lockdown, many of our normal activities have had to be suspended and we have found time to update our website. As doors close, new doors open and many people have found new things to do and we thought it would be good to create a space where people could share things they have been doing, so we have made a page on the website called "Community gallery". This is an open page where everyone is invited to post pictures, photos, recipes, poems, anything that can be captured digitally. The page can be found at:

<http://eynsfordbaptist.org.uk/community-gallery/>



We have started the gallery with a few pieces among which is a short video of bluebells in the woods if you haven't been able to get out, and a lovely painting, done as a tribute to the NHS nurses by Olga Moffett.

Most of us don't have personal websites – so why not use ours? You're welcome to submit something for display by sending it to chris@themoffetts.co.uk

Stay safe!
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