



St Peter's

Hartshorne

Hello everyone

I trust that you are all still well and coping with the current situation. We now know that Social Distancing measures are likely to be in place for a while yet, so if you are facing any difficulty, please be in touch as we have people able to support you in many ways.

Over the past few days I have been reflecting on passages of Scripture from Acts 4 and Acts 5, listening to what God is saying through these passages. I know some of you have been joining me in these times of reflection and they are available on our YouTube channel or via Facebook if you have not yet watched them or you would like to review them again.

To me there are two verses that stand out:

Acts 4:29 'Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.'

Acts 5:20 "Go, stand in the temple courts," he said, "and tell the people the full message of this new life."

Two verses that say to me, despite all the difficulties that we are facing, we still have the one job that Jesus gave us, that of telling people about the new life that anyone can have through faith in Jesus. We may need to find new ways to do that, find new reserves of courage to speak to the people we love most but whether by phone, social media or email, let's make it clear that we face all the difficulties in life in the strength of the God who loves us and gave his Son to die for us and rise again to new life, Alleluia. That is the truth of this Easter season.

If something from those reflections has spoken to you - or something you have read or heard elsewhere has resonated in some way, let me know and I can share it with our fellowship.

I asked last week that you would share with us some of the things you have been doing during this time and I have had one or two responses:

Melody tells us that she gets very attached to old shirts and simply can't bare to throw them out, even when they're threadbare. So she has carefully unpicked the collars on two lumberjack shirts, turned them round and stitched them back on again, similar to how people did years ago:



She has also been planting seeds:



Gwen has also sent us some photos from her walk of the flowers in the church yard:



If you want to send in more pictures or information on what you are doing or seeing, then please do so, we would love to hear about your projects or hobbies.

God Bless

Stella