



26th APRIL 2020

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From Rev Catherine Solomon

No doubt we are experiencing a time when people are seeking courage, encouragement and hope. Starting this Sunday, we begin ***a new Sermon Series***

'1 Peter: Inspiration in Isolation.'

Peter wrote this letter to inspire Christians throughout the provinces of Asia Minor (modern day Turkey), and it speaks still into our current situation. This letter has been referred to as:

- *'the letter of courage'* – courage when they were facing immense trials, suffering and persecution;
- *'the letter of pilgrimage'* – encouragement to the exiled scattered pilgrims; and
- *'the letter of hope'* – not the fanciful, vague optimism that in the end things will turn out alright but a deep-seated hope resting on God.

Each week we will delve into a passage from 1 Peter. I suggest before this Sunday to read at least Chapter 1 but preferably all 5 chapters of the letter to get a general overview.

“Inspiration in Isolation”

- Week 1** April 26 Delayed Gratification (1 Peter 1:1-12)
Week 2 May 3 Being An Influencer (1 Peter 2:11-25)
Week 3 May 10 What’s A Healthy Family? (1 Peter 3:1-12)
Week 4 May 17 What’s A Healthy Community? (1 Peter 3:13-22)
Week 5 May 24 !!Alert!! (1 Peter 4:1-11)
Week 6 May 31 Let’s Get Shearing (1 Peter 5:1-11)

I’m really looking forward to how God will use this time to speak to us personally and collectively as Christ’s Church. Stay strong in the faith, abide in Christ today and in coming days.

God bless

Rev Catherine Solomon



YOUR PHOTO IN ISOLATION!



As I’ve been moving around, people have been asking me how others are going during isolation. How are you spending your time? Over the past few weeks, have you celebrated a significant milestone? Have you made or created something special? Have you got a new pet? Have you cleaned up a storage space/garage? Have you established a new garden or rejuvenated an old one?

What have you been up to?

This Sunday, 26th April, in worship, we will celebrate how our creative and faithful God has provided and inspired us during isolation. The photos/videos that you share will be shown during our online worship (not the printed resource). If you would like to share a photo/video could you please do the following:

1. Take the photo or video in landscape format  (NOT portrait )
2. Include yourself in the photo/video if possible as newcomers might not remember who you are if only a name is mentioned. This is the time for your 'selfie' skills to shine 😊
3. If doing a video, only 10 seconds maximum will be required.
4. Send to either the minister's **mobile 0438 557 677** or email minister@elanorauniting.com.au
5. Send through by **7pm Thursday 23rd April**. Anything arriving after this time cannot be guaranteed inclusion. Rev Catherine Solomon



Church Council Meeting – Wednesday 22nd April 7pm

Since our church council cannot meet face to face, we have arranged for our meeting to be held through the virtual platform Zoom. If you read this before then, please pray for our council for wisdom, discernment and guidance in what our next steps are for the congregation and supporting our

connections with the wider community. Rev Catherine Solomon

Every Monday 9:00-10:00am our Currumbin Valley Church Meditation Group continues to meet - via Zoom. If you are wanting to connect in, please contact Sarah on 0423 923 747. These sessions bring us into stillness with God and inspire the participants to respond to life in a healthy and meaningful way. Di Watson said on Monday, *“Meditation relaxes me. When I get anxious here at home, I meditate, which helps me to relax.”*

Are you looking for ways to relax or connect with others?

Please consider joining us any or every Monday.

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KIDS HOPE NEWS



There are many good news stories coming out of isolation and physical distancing. As our Kids Hope mentors are unable to physically meet with the children, there is talk of developing a penpal strategy where mentor and child can write to each other through the school.

No photos or video can be shared, but what a wonderful method to encourage and support while also becoming a keep sake. Let us continue to pray for this special ministry and all our groups as they discover new ways of interacting at this time and into the future.

CONTACTS

The church office is currently unattended; however, phone messages and emails are being monitored.

If you have a PASTORAL CONCERN, please ring Rev Catherine Solomon on 0438 557 677 or email minister@elanorauniting.com.au

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