



## **Peters Green News Sheet Issue No: 1**

**22nd March 2020**

**Sunday at Perry**

**Mothering Sunday**

**Reading. 2 Corinthians 1 : 2 - 7**

In common with other churches and social groups we are unable to meet at chapel, so we are keeping in touch by our Sunday sheet. We hope that those who would normally be leading our services will contribute.

This week is Mothering Sunday and quite an unusual one, as the big family lunches are being discouraged, but loving messages are being shared in various ways.

Mothering Sunday in the church calendar is the 4th Sunday in Lent and has over the centuries been a time to relax the Lent Fasting and eat cake or special buns. It was also a time for smaller churches to go to their 'mother church'.

At tiny Perry we give thanks for the support of Central and from our friends at Kimpton. The Latin name for this Sunday is Laetare Sunday and it means 'Rejoice'. We do perhaps find it difficult to rejoice today, but we do rejoice in the many instances of love, care and small acts of kindness that we see around us. Communities, including Peters Green are coming together to support those in most need. And on this Mothers Day we give thanks for our mothers and those who day by day give us motherly care, which we appreciate what ever our age. I smiled at the television when it showed some lists on the fridge where the children were noting the hugs and kisses they were saving up for grandma.

Our reading for today is headed 'The God of all Comfort'. We all remember our mothers as the comforter of our childhood woes, but we are reminded here that our loving God is 'the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in ALL our troubles'.

In some ways in recent times the word comfort had almost changed its meaning and we are often exhorted to get out of our 'comfort zone'. The present circumstances has certainly done that for all of us.

The dictionary defines comfort as console, cheer, gladden, and this is the comfort from God that Paul refers to in Corinthians. Our reading goes on to say God comforts us 'so that we can comfort those in

any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God .....so also through Christ, our comfort overflows'.

The well loved chapter 14 of John's Gospel is headed 'Jesus Comforts his Disciples' and here Jesus promises his Holy Spirit. 'And He will be another Comforter to be with you forever'.

Church leaders have asked for today Mothering Sunday to be a National Day of Prayer and Action.

We pray for those who are sick or fearful. We ask for the wisdom of God for our leaders and for strength and God's protection for our health workers.

May the love of Christ surround us, take away our anxiety and give us His peace.

God bless and keep you,

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I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Come unto Me and rest;  
lay down, thou weary one, lay down  
thy head upon My breast'.  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
weary, and worn, and sad,  
I found in him a resting place,  
and He has made me glad.



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