



Church Together

Frontline Sundays - Together We Grow

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Welcome

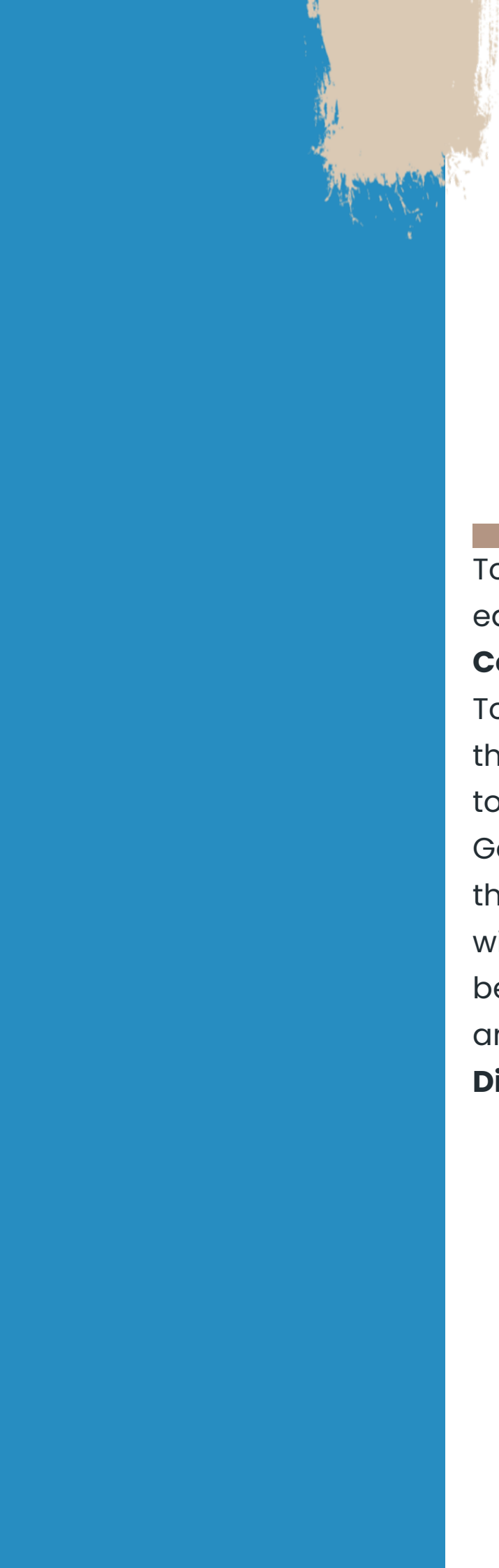
Welcome to Church Together.

No matter wherever you are, whatever you do, whoever you are, together we can grow as Church Together.

Our flexible Sunday worship patterns blend together on – line services, home deliveries and emailed copies of Church Together.


Today's service will be looking at: **Hebrews 10 v. 19 – 25**

The theme for today's service is: **Together We Grow**



Today's service that is set out in this edition of **Church Together** includes **Communion**.

Today we will be concluding our series that has been looking at what it means to be a '**Frontline Church**' engaging with God and others where we find ourselves throughout the week. We hope that you will be able to engage with what has been produced for our **Sunday Service** and that we would indeed **Make All The Difference as Together We Grow**.



**Together
we grow**

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Frontline Sundays 5

Together We Grow

We need one another to 'stay red'
in a sea of grey dots
and continue to have an
impact on our frontlines.

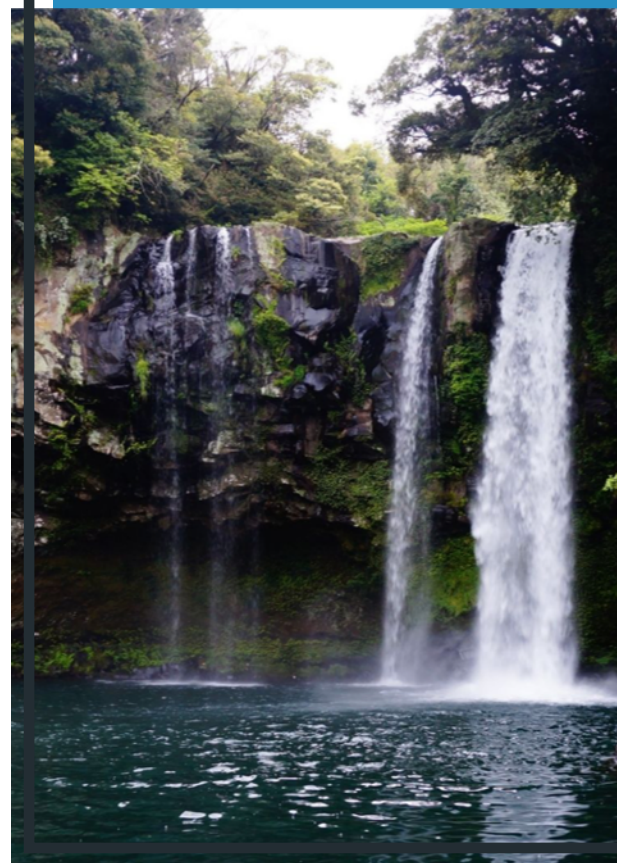


Together
IN CHRIST

Call To Worship

Psalms 108 v. 1 – 5 NLT

My heart is confident in you, O God;
No wonder I can sing your praises!
Wake up, my soul!
Wake up, O harp and lyre!
I will waken the dawn with my song.
I will thank you, Lord,
in front of all the people.
I will sing your praises among the nations.
For your unfailing love is higher than the
heavens.
Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.
Be exalted, O God, above the highest
heavens.
May your glory shine over all the earth.





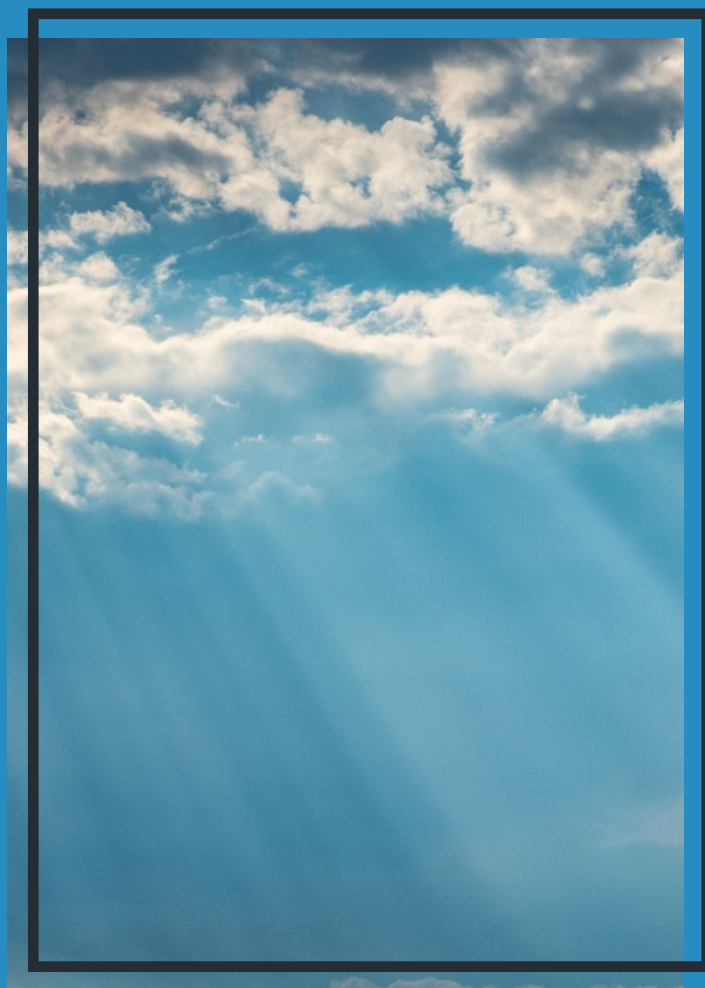
A word cloud graphic enclosed in a black rectangular frame. The words are arranged in a cluster, with 'meet' at the top, 'together' in the middle, 'one' to the right, 'encouraging' below 'together', and 'another' at the bottom. Smaller words like 'good', 'stir', 'let', 'Day', 'habit', 'consider', 'drawing', 'love', 'see', 'works', and 'near' are interspersed around the main words. The colors of the words include dark blue, red, green, and teal.

meet
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good stir let Day
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Song Suggestion

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



Opening Prayer

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

His love is everlasting and extends to all creation.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

Bringing wholeness, and peace beyond understanding.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

His arms open wide welcoming home the prodigals.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

His promises are sure, His kingdom shall last forever.

Thank you Lord God for the opportunity of being able to worship you today.

Thank you for the freedom to be amongst your family here at church today, meeting together in the warmth of your embrace and the fellowship and love of brothers and sisters in Christ.

Thank you that in worship we can put aside, the uncertainties of this world and rest upon the certainties of the Kingdom, for your promises are not changeable as those of the world might be, but immovable and eternal. Thank you that we can bring to your feet all

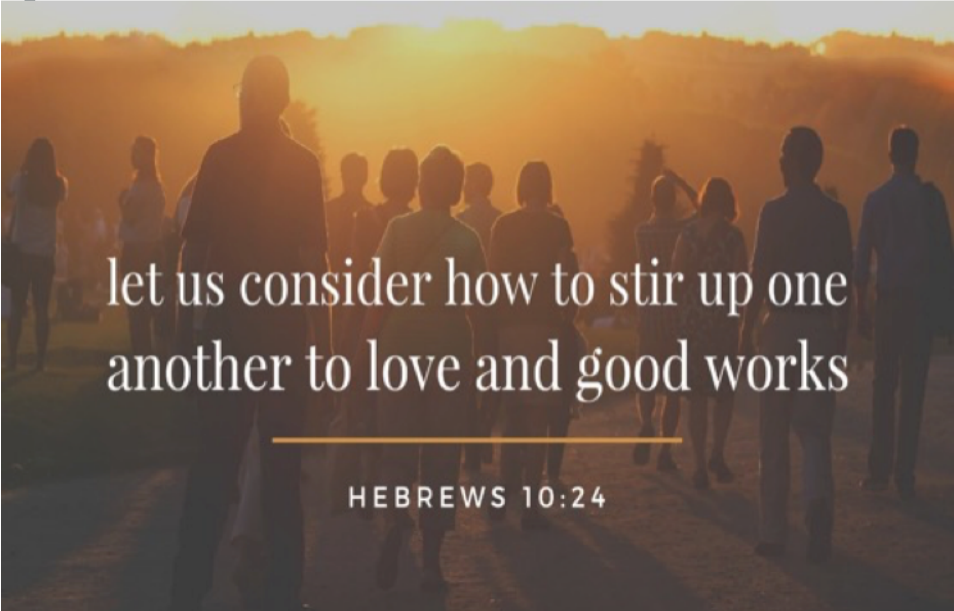
the hurts and fears that have trouble us during the course of this week, and leave them there, knowing that your strength and assurance are all that we require.

Thank you that as we draw near in worship, we are transported from a world of concerns and fears, to a place where we can be at peace in your presence, find healing, wholeness and refreshment.

Thank you Lord God for the opportunity of being with you today.

Amen





let us consider how to stir up one
another to love and good works

HEBREWS 10:24

Frontline

Prayer

We thank you Heavenly Father, for the gift of this community.

We commend one another to you on our different frontlines.

Wherever we are, whatever we do, whoever we are, may the Holy Spirit guide us in all things so that we may do Gods will in the world, in the service of Jesus Christ and with great joy.

Amen

*And let us consider how we may
spur one another on toward love
and good deeds, not giving up
meeting together*

Hebrews 10:24-25



Bible

Reading

Hebrews 10 v. 19 – 25 NIV

A Call to Persevere in Faith

19 Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Communion

Today is a Sunday when we would normally share communion together. We come together today remembering the love and sacrifice that Jesus made on the Cross for our sins and for our forgiveness. We gather together here in Church or at home as the body of Christ in order to share the bread and the cup together.

We are able to do this by getting a small glass of red juice **(fruit juice, squash etc.)** and a small piece of bread and 'sharing these elements' at a time that is convenient to you.

(Normally as a church we will do this during the morning service at about 11.30 am)

Our normal practice is to say these words:

For I receive from the Lord what I pass on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night that he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, **(you might like to pray at this point)** he broke it and said 'This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.' **(This is the time to eat the bread)**. In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.' **(Now is the time to drink the cup)**. For whenever you eat of this bread and drink of this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

1 Corinthians 11 v. 22 – 26

If you would like to do this today with us, if you are at home, then please do so, and may the Lord's richest blessings be with you today.



A Short Film

In this final film, our four characters gather to worship on Sunday.

We see the different practices with fresh eyes, having glimpsed the week each person has come from.

We recognise the vital role of gathered church in renewing and empowering each member for their frontlines.

To view the short film click [here](#). Once you're finished, return to the service to continue.



Church Together Thought

**FRONTLINE SUNDAYS 5 - TOGETHER WE
GROW**

If we are going to be fruitful when we are scattered on our frontlines for the long-haul then we need to be faithful in gathering together.

To continue to have an impact we need to stay strong and encouraged: we need one another.

We, as red dots, need to stay red in a sea of grey dots.

Our scattered and gathered lives are irrevocably connected.

The Bible has so much to say about our relationships as the people of God; there are so many passages to choose from. But Hebrews 10 starts with God, not us.

Hebrews 10 proclaims the good news of Jesus Christ, affirming that we live our lives in

response to what God has first done for us. Yet we can grow weary of doing good. The writer of Hebrews encourages his recipients not to give up, to spur each other on, and to keep meeting together. We, too, gather together to help each other 'hold unswervingly to the hope we profess' scattered out on our frontlines.

It starts with the good news of Jesus Christ and that seems a fitting conclusion to the series. Our lives are lived in response to that which God has first done for us through Christ. We gather to encourage one another, to remind one another about the full story of the gospel we have been invited into and as a consequence to equip one another for our everyday lives.

The point of the passage is that we need each other!

Our times together as church are a great opportunity to cast the vision for whole - life missional discipleship. What we practise together as a church is what we live out in our everyday lives. We can help one another to:

Hold on to hope together

As a church family, we need to help one another to hold on to this faith. There are

many things that would tempt us to give up following Jesus or at least grow cold in our faith. The writer to the Hebrews encourages us in three ways.

He urges us to draw near to God. In the Old Testament this was only done by the priests, the ones separated out for that purpose. Here it is open for everyone, because Jesus opened the way.

Secondly, we have complete assurance of our faith – as we focus on Jesus we discover who we are as a result of what he's done for us.

Thirdly, we experience peace as we come with things that weigh heavy on our hearts and we discover that we have been sprinkled with his blood. We are renewed – we are reminded of our baptism vows, **'our bodies being washed with pure water.'**

Spur one another to good works

'Spur' is a strong word. It has the idea of **'inciting'** or **'provoking'** one another. It's a strange word when linked with **'love and good works'**.

But its strength suggests the importance of helping one another to live our faith on our frontlines. We can grow weary of doing good. People can be ungrateful or even

manipulative of us.

Our best efforts may not seem to lead to lasting change. It's easy to give up, to become self-centred.

The writer to the Hebrews recognised that we can help one another by not allowing each other to give up. To keep the challenge before us. To keep going.

What would that look like in your / our church life together? How do you already help one another be attentive to his purposes through each person on their frontline? How could you help one another more? What do you learn together that might help you when you're apart?

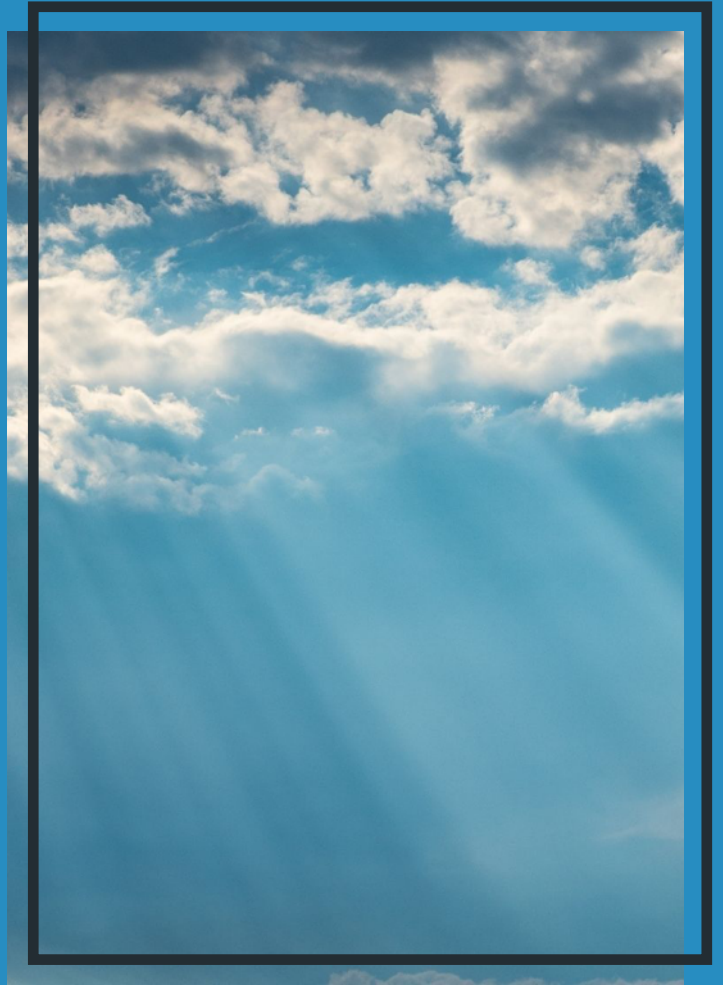
Keep meeting together

In emphasising our frontlines, we do not want to suggest that our life together is not important. In fact, if this is the place where we are reminded of the core elements of our faith, and if this is the community that will help us remain faithful to our calling, if this is the community that will affirm the significance of where we are Monday through Saturday, then meeting together is vital.

It's central to our spiritual disciplines. The gathered worship life of our church is where we teach, guide, challenge, equip, encourage, love, and commission one another for our lives on the frontline.

Song Suggestion

There Is A Redeemer



Frontline Sunday Prayers of Commitment

As followers of Jesus Christ, will you embrace your frontlines as places of possibility and potential in the purposes of God? Will you believe that God is already at work in these places and will you give yourself unreservedly to his purposes in you and through you, wherever you are?

Response: With the help of God, we will.

Will you trust God with the big things and the small things that you do day by day, and seek to make all that you do on your frontlines a part of your worship of him? Will you learn to rely on him, his power, and his grace, whatever you do?

Response: With the help of God, we will.

As sons and daughters of your heavenly Father, will you believe that your value, your worth, your

significance, and your life on the frontline flow first from this identity? Will you embrace the joy and freedom of being a child of God, whoever you are?

Response: With the help of God, we will.

As the body of Christ, will you commit to encouraging and helping one another flourish in Christ and be fruitful on your frontlines? Will you learn to be the people of God gathered and scattered, helping one another to make all the difference in the world?

Response: With the help of God, we will.

Frontline Sunday Commissioning Prayers

We affirm your call to follow Christ in all of life, including life on your frontline. We commission you to this life and work, and pledge to you our prayers, encouragement, and support.

May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you, that in this and in all things you will know Christ and seek to make him known, to the Glory of God the Father.

Response: We rejoice in being followers of Jesus, sent from this church into God's world for his purposes.

May the blessing of God go with you.

Prayers of Intercession

Loving Heavenly Father, it gives us joy and delight to be in your presence this day. Father, you know all there is to know about us. You share our joy in health and you understand our weakness in illness. You know us through and through, and in Jesus you have shared human joy and sorrow, human companionship and loneliness. You know our thoughts before we think them, and understand what we are trying to say better than we do.

As you know us so well. Be a comfort and a guide, a strength and a challenge, so that we may serve you in wholeness of body and spirit. Heal us, Lord. Transform us. Renew us. Draw us closer to you in the journey of this coming week, empower us with strength and courage and with the assurance that you are with us, world without end.

There are still many in need of your grace in our world today we pray. There are still many in need of your love in our world today we pray. And there are still many in need of salvation in our world. Lord, today we pray that you would enter our lives, our churches, our cities, our countries once again and help



us to be your eyes, ears, hands and feet in the places you have put us on our 'Frontlines'.

We give thanks that we can turn to you in prayer and in faith, lifting all those who are on our hearts to you this day that they may find comfort and strength in you today. Hear the prayers of our hearts now Lord, as we bring them to you in the silence of the moment.

We pray for our own Government and Governments around the world, that you will guide them in the difficult decisions they are having to make concerning the Pandemic within their own countries.

We give thanks for all those in the health service, for carers, for staff in hospitals and many others on their Frontline, for those who minister to the sick and dying, who are giving so much of themselves to help others. Give them strength, we pray, to keep going in difficult and stressful times.

Lord we pray for all those who do not know you, especially in their time of need, and pray that their eyes will be opened to the love of Jesus Christ.

And finally, Lord we pray for ourselves. Help us Lord to follow your example in all that we do and say as we journey with you. We place ourselves, this Church and all your people into your loving care. Please accept these our prayers, in Jesus name.

Amen

Tithes, Gifts & Offerings



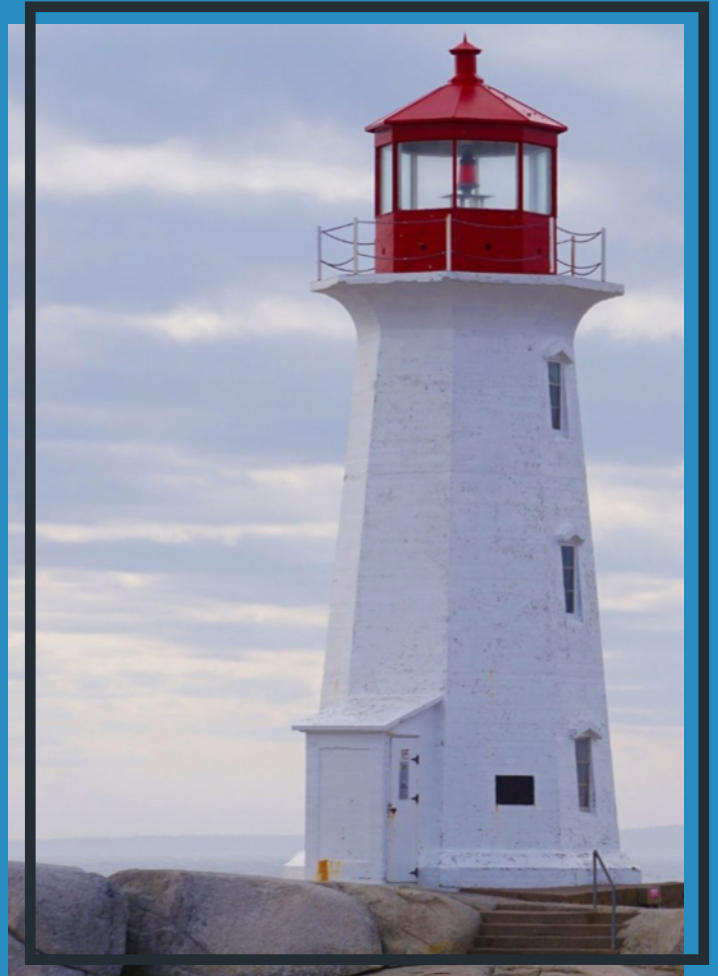
No matter where you are, whatever you do, whoever you are, together we can grow as Church Together here at Salendine Nook.

Now that we find ourselves once again holding services in Church, we are able to give of our finances to the work of the Lord when we are in church.

If you feel that your are able to, then please keep on giving with a cheerful and grateful heart, praising God for all that he has given to you and share in the finances of the church.

Song Suggestion

Bind Us Together Lord



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Blessing

Lord, let us go from here in peace,
May your Word be fulfilled with us.
May your blessing be ever with us,
As we seek to be your witnesses in the
world.

May your grace, love and fellowship,
Be with us until we meet again.

Amen