



YMCA Wimbledon Chaplaincy

with Jonathan

Here's a few things from me to keep you thinking over the next week.

PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE A WEEKLY CHAPLAINCY SHEET OR TO SPEAK TO THE TEAM

Hi everyone,

Last week I was in contact with Annette from the Salvation Army on Kingston Road here in Wimbledon. A number of Wimbledon YMCA residents know Annette and she sent through these words of encouragement.

"Discombobulated" is a favourite word in my family. It means confused and disconcerted. We like it because it's a fun word to say (try saying it out loud!) We use it for those times when even although nothing is particularly wrong you just don't feel completely ok.

I think discombobulated is a good word for describing how most people feel at the moment. Everything is different. We cannot get our heads and hearts around the numbers of deaths that we are hearing about each day. Our usual routines have gone. We don't know what the future holds. On Sunday our church attempted to meet on line with various levels of success. We read together the story when the risen Jesus came and met his discombobulated friends! They were pleased to know that Jesus was alive but they were still confused and worried about the future. Jesus understood all the emotions and anxieties and said to them kindly "Peace be with you". I find myself very grateful for my life and for good health and for having a home to be locked down in yet I also feel discombobulated about how I can help other people, how I can look after my church and community, and what the future holds. It's exhausting! So however you are feeling please know that you are not the only one! And also know that Jesus' message is the same today for you as it was then. Look after yourselves! Do positive things! Look out for each other! Pray about your worries! Read a good book! Take naps! Hear Jesus say to you "Peace be with you!"

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Reflect & Think

'I Wish I Could Start Again'



Heathrow Airport is rather quieter at the moment than it used to be. Probably rather like it was when it started life as the Great West Aerodrome in 1929 fourteen miles from the centre of London.

At the time the aerodrome sat amongst farms, market gardens and orchards. It seemed the perfect place for an airport to serve an ever growing city.

What no one envisaged at the time was that passenger numbers would swell over the years to some 75 million, and that the city would expand to surround the airport.

With the benefit of hindsight, it seems clear that it should have been built somewhere else – like the famous joke about someone asking for directions and being told, 'Well I wouldn't start from here!'

Sometimes too in life we take of stock of where we are and wish that we could start over. If only we could wipe the slate clean and start again things could be so different. Well the good news of the Gospel of Jesus is that just such a possibility exists. As St Paul writes, 'If anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation, the old has gone, the new has come!'

A Blessing

May the Lord bless you and keep you

May the Lord smile on you

Shine his light upon you

May the Lord lift you

Turn his face towards you

And give you his Peace

Amen

The Chaplaincy team would like to invite you to join Nicki

Thursday morning at 9.30am

on the Youtube link below to pray, reflect and relook at the Easter story during the Live Stream.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpgyz3_H1-JWEzpbNkWTUNw/videos

We'll begin with a reflection and then spend some minutes or so praying through any requests she has received (no names) - last week a few people couldn't tune into the video as they went into YouTube through the VPN - you will need to go straight from Chrome/Safari/Firefox etc. - Sorry for the glitches.

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