### **LOCKDOWN QUIZ**

Many people in the Bible went through a time of confinement.. The answers are at the bottom of the page.

- 1) This man wanted his brother to stay in the pit-Gen. 37:29-30
- 2) He was imprisoned in Gaza-Judges 16:20-21
- 3) 4 of Paul's fellow prisoners-Rom 16:7,Col 4:10, Philemon v23
- 4) Jeremiah complained to him about his imprisonment Jer. 37:18
- 5) He slept between 2 soldiers in prison-Acts 12:6
- 6) He had company in this place-Daniel 6:16
- 7) This man had been released from prison-Hebrews 13:23
- 8) Paul was not alone in prison-Acts 16:25
- 9) You can lock up Paul but you cannot bind this-2 Tim 2:9
- 10) Where was the Psalmist delivered from? Psalm 40:2

#### <u>Answers</u>

Silas

Daniel Andronicus Epaphras

Reuben Junia Peter

The word of God The pit Samson

Zedekiah Timothy

Aristarchus



WITHOUT THE LORD ALL IS IN VAIN

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# The Church building is temporarily closed but we are here for you

We look forward to when the Hall can re-open and we can meet together again. At this time of physical distancing and lockdown it is easy to feel isolated and on your own. You are not on your own! There is a community of people at Mount Pleasant who are here for you.

Contact Nigel'- Mobile 0785 707 2527

Please do visit our website to find Messages that have been prepared to help at this difficult time

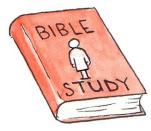
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Some Messages are available on the Download page, others on the Homepage.

The Newsletter can now be viewed on our website.

### Now what shall we do?

These are interesting times. A few weeks ago a lady knocked on our door asking if we needed any shopping. I thanked her for her kindness and assured her that I was able to get our own. I then reflected on the fact that though I still consider myself to be just a little past my teens this kind lady had me at the other end of the age spectrum-oh dear! I have checked our food stores and replenished them and can confirm there is no item within sight of it's use by date.



For some of us this period might be a unique opportunity to get into God's word. As well as our daily quiet time which we spend in prayer and reading we have time to do some in-depth study of God's word.

How about spending time to really get into a Book. When we meet Joel in glory we don't want to say to him, "Sorry Joel, but I never knew you wrote a book and I certainly never read what you wrote about the end times" Or maybe there's a Bible character like David or Abraham you have always wanted to know more about. We learn so much by reading the life stories of those we meet in the Bible. Or how about checking out what the Bible teaches on important issues like forgiveness, holiness, the Church.

Make the most of this time the Lord has given us!

## Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. Colossians 4.2

These words about prayer, written by Paul, are very apt for the troubled times in which we live. We continue to breathe and to eat and drink to sustain, nourish and strengthen us physically. For our spiritual growth and development we need to continue in prayer-not in an irregular or sporadic way-but constant, steadfast, persevering.

Paul speaks of being watchful in prayer-this suggests we are aware of the ever changing circumstances that we and others are in. We are alert to the opportunities, possibilities, needs and dangers all around and are ready to respond to them. Just as a security programme running on a computer is being constantly updated so a believer is always watchful, aware of the situation, praying at all times in the Spirit.

We turn to God with all kinds of requests. God delights to hear and to answer our prayers according to His will. In prayer we deepen our relationship with God as we spend time in His presence. We come with grateful hearts, thankful to Him for answered prayer. We give thanks for the joy of knowing Him through faith in His Son Jesus, a relationship enjoyed in the power of the indwelling Spirit. Hallelujah!

praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints. Ephesians 6.18