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Intimations

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Stay safe, June
- If you, or someone you are in contact with, would like to access pastoral care by telephone please contact Olivia Tait 811392, Carol Mainland 873596, Nicol Sclater 811242 or Martin Prentice 851139.

Trust and Rejoice

Focus Passage: John 20:19-31

Let the hallelujahs from Easter Sunday continue to be found on our lips and hearts. Let us lift our voices to God with the psalmist and proclaim, "You show me the path of life. In your presence is fullness of joy!" As those who did not personally encounter Jesus in the flesh, but yet believe, and live with hope of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, and a surety of salvation of our souls, that allows us to rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, may we take strength and hope from the reading in 1 Peter:

1 Peter 1:3-9 Contemporary English Version (CEV)

A Real Reason for Hope

Praise God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is so good, and by raising Jesus from death, he has given us new life and a hope that lives on. God has something stored up for you in heaven, where it will never decay or be ruined or disappear.

You have faith in God, whose power will protect you until the last day. Then he will save you, just as he has always planned to do. On that day you will be glad, even if you have to go through many hard trials for a while. Your faith will be like gold that has been tested in a fire. And these trials will prove that your faith is worth much more than gold that can be destroyed. They will show that you will be given praise and honour and glory when Jesus Christ returns.

You have never seen Jesus, and you don't see him now. But still you love him and have faith in him, and no words can tell how glad and happy you are to be saved. That's why you have faith.

What makes it possible for us to trust and love God without having seen God?

Do we show by our joy-filled lives, as individuals and as the church, our trust and faith in the resurrected Christ?

Prayer: May our lives manifest the love and joy of a God who came to save all nations and all creation. Amen.

From: *Seasons of the Spirit*

Keep safe. Blessings to you all.
Martin.