

## Church at Home Family Pack – 20<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Join us for our online service, usual time of 10:30am on Sunday at [www.ccwsm.org.uk](http://www.ccwsm.org.uk)  
– “see” you there!

If you like, join in with the discussion of Facebook with our church family (@ccwsm)!

In some sections we make several suggestions of ideas. Some may be more appropriate to the people in your home than others. We’re not expecting you to do all of them (although you are very welcome to!). Choose the ones which best suit you and your family.

### GATHER TOGETHER

#### A prayer to start –

We gather together with all our differences, all our hopes, and all our disappointments.  
We come in trust to the Lord, our God, knowing that we are loved by God, and by one another.  
Holy Spirit, you are welcome here.

Amen.



#### Action reminder –

From the top of my head  
*(Touch head)*  
to the tips of my toes;  
*(Touch toes)*  
from the lobes of my ears  
*(Touch ear lobes)*  
to the end of my nose;  
*(Touch nose)*  
from my back, to my front  
*(Turn round)*  
to my wiggly fingers,  
*(stretch out arms and wiggle fingers)*  
God loves me!  
*(jump up and down)*

## READ TOGETHER

### 1 Peter 3: 1-9

#### New International Version (NIV)



**3** Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behaviour of their wives, <sup>2</sup> when they see the purity and reverence of your lives. <sup>3</sup> Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewellery or fine clothes. <sup>4</sup> Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God’s sight. <sup>5</sup> For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to adorn themselves. They submitted themselves to their own husbands, <sup>6</sup> like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her lord. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.

<sup>7</sup> Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. <sup>9</sup> Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.

#### The Message (MSG)

**3** <sup>1-4</sup> The same goes for you wives: Be good wives to your husbands, responsive to their needs. There are husbands who, indifferent as they are to any words about God, will be captivated by your life of holy beauty. What matters is not your outer appearance—the styling of your hair, the jewellery you wear, the cut of your clothes—but your inner disposition.

<sup>4-6</sup> Cultivate inner beauty, the gentle, gracious kind that God delights in. The holy women of old were beautiful before God that way, and were good, loyal wives to their husbands. Sarah, for instance, taking care of Abraham, would address him as “my dear husband.” You’ll be true daughters of Sarah if you do the same, unanxious and unintimidated.

<sup>7</sup> The same goes for you husbands: Be good husbands to your wives. Honour them, delight in them. As women they lack some of your advantages. But in the new life of God’s grace, you’re equals. Treat your wives, then, as equals so your prayers don’t run aground.

<sup>8-9</sup> Summing up: Be agreeable, be sympathetic, be loving, be compassionate, be humble. That goes for all of you, no exceptions. No retaliation. No sharp-tongued sarcasm. Instead, bless—that’s your job, to bless. You’ll be a blessing and also get a blessing.



## WATCH TOGETHER

*Douglas has a lot to say today!*



Douglas Talks about loving your family: [https://youtu.be/eqQtIB\\_j-1g](https://youtu.be/eqQtIB_j-1g)



Verse 8 ends: **Be kind and humble.**

Douglas has some ideas about what that means...

<https://youtu.be/0l8QMgKvXdA>



**The Church of England – Faith at Home - Humility**

*(A resource for Parents and Families)*

<https://youtu.be/QJMX6ZnbOF4>

## TALK TOGETHER

Tom said in his 'Sermon Snippets' that the challenge is to all of us to be humble and not pushy in all our relationships...

**What does it mean to be Humble?** *(If you're doing this as a family, you might like to watch the Douglas Talks video about putting others first before you look at the Bible verses)*

*"True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less." – C.S. Lewis*

### Verses to explore

- Romans 12:3
- Ephesians 4:1-2
- Philippians 2:3-5

What would our relationships/friendships look like if we put this into practice?



## STUDY TOGETHER



*The idea of mutual submission is a big theme in Paul's letters as well as here in 1 Peter. Philosophers in New Testament biblical times discussed relationships within the home and 'household codes' were produced that stated how people should behave. They were usually addressed to the man of the house and looked at the relationship between husbands and wives, parents and children, and masters and slaves/servants. Peter and Paul follow the same pattern of household code but address sections to both men and women, parents and children, masters and slaves, and present Jesus both as an example and the reason for treating each other with respect and humility.*

*By New Testament times, the word 'submit' did not imply any hierarchical structure or obedience. Someone has said that it is an 'attitude of heart and mind, and requires one to let go of being in control or a desire to dominate.' In a similar passage beginning at Ephesians 5:1, believers are told to submit to each other out of respect for Jesus Christ so this is something that applies to everyone.*

Look at the following 'household code' passages. Bearing in mind that all believers are meant to submit to each other, what do you think these verses say about our relationships with each other?

- Ephesians 5:21 – 6:9
- Colossians 3:18 – 4:1
- 1 Peter 3:1-8

Paul's famous words about love might help us think more about what this could look like in practice in our relationships and friendships. Read **1 Corinthians 13:4-7**.

- Write on a piece of paper the positive attributes that these verses refer to.
  - How can these have a positive impact on your relationships and friendships?
  - Can you think of practical examples when you could put these qualities into practice?
- With a different coloured pen, write down the negative attributes that are listed in these verses.
  - How can these have a negative impact on your relationships and friendships?
  - Can you think of examples of the kinds of behaviour which would show these negative behaviours?

*Our behaviour should reflect our words towards others and vice-versa. You don't say you love someone and then treat them badly through your actions or words. You don't say you love your spouse, children, parents or siblings and then show them disrespect or behave in a hateful way towards them.*

Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another,  
be compassionate and humble

1 Peter 3:8

## PLAY TOGETHER

### *Humble Hands*

This is a version of tag where you encourage each other. Start with one person as 'it'. The 'it' person must tag another person and say something nice about them. Now there are two people who are 'it'. Continue to tag the rest of your family/friends and say something nice about them until everyone has been tagged. Play the game again and think of more nice things to say about each other.



## MAKE TOGETHER

it's the  
little  
things

### *Noticing the 'little things'* (Thank you cards/pictures/letters)

Look at the people you spend time with - your family, friends, classmates and colleagues – notice the 'little things' they do, the things they show love and care by doing, maybe without really realising it.

- Maybe they always make you a cup of tea in the morning
- Maybe they always take out the rubbish
- Maybe they always find something positive or helpful to say
- Maybe they are always on time
- Maybe they are a good listener

Make a card, write a letter or draw a picture to give to them to say thank you.



## SING TOGETHER

**Love one another** – Yancy, *Little Praise Party*: <https://youtu.be/ku9a7coYlog>

*At the moment we can't do some of the suggestions in this song to show love and kindness but we're sure you can think of other things that you can do.* 😊

**Love is everything** – *Kidsville*: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ei\\_5-t94eus](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ei_5-t94eus)

**This little light of mine** – *Listener Kids*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cKkblZtqhyQ>

**Love never fails** – *Brandon Heath*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MP4jVs97q24>

## REFLECT TOGETHER

### *Being like Jesus in our relationships*

Whether you are a married person or not... think about someone you have a close relationship with.

Think about the questions that Tom asked in his sermon....

- Are you following Christ's example in this relationship?
- How much respect do you show?
- Is there sarcasm or nastiness in this relationship sometimes?
- How much time do you spend genuinely listening them?
- Do you encourage them?
- Do you push for your own way or do you allow theirs to come first? Have you got the balance right?



Are you loving, compassionate, humble, sympathetic? Do you treat them as Jesus would have done?

### *Mirror Reflection*



Look in a mirror and reflect on your outward appearance – what do you think others see?

Now, consider what is on the inside...where your heart is? – What do you think others see now?

Spend time cultivating your inner beauty or handsomeness! – love, peace, patience, kindness and compassion.

Ask Jesus for help in doing this....

## PRAY TOGETHER



Look at photos of family and friends. Think/talk about what makes each person special. If you live with other people, each choose a photo of someone to pray for. Pray for them and for your relationship with them. If you live on your own choose 7 photos and pray for one person each day this week.





## DO IT TOGETHER

Verse 1 tells us that we don't always need to use words... the people we are in relationship with will be 'won over' or 'captivated' by our behaviour, by the way we live our lives.

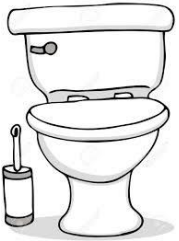
Remember that our Church Vision at Christ Church and Emmanuel is to be a people who are 'Living God's Love' –

- **“Living”** – that we are actually seeking to follow Christ in our daily lives as well as Sundays!
- **“God’s”** – that our strength and encouragement stems from Christ’s limitless love and the wisdom and experience of His presence in our lives.
- **“Love”** – that we are a people of kindness, compassion and welcome to all.

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Think about the relationships in your life – make a commitment to Live God's Love in your actions and behaviour this week.

**Random Act of Kindness** – do something for someone without them knowing and without you getting the glory for it.



Could you do a 'yucky' job to help out like picking up rubbish, weeding, cleaning the loo!?

Tom said we should **'do our bit, even if the favour is not returned'**

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*Action Reminder and A Prayer to Start taken from*

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*1 Corinthians idea in Study Together adapted from Energize*