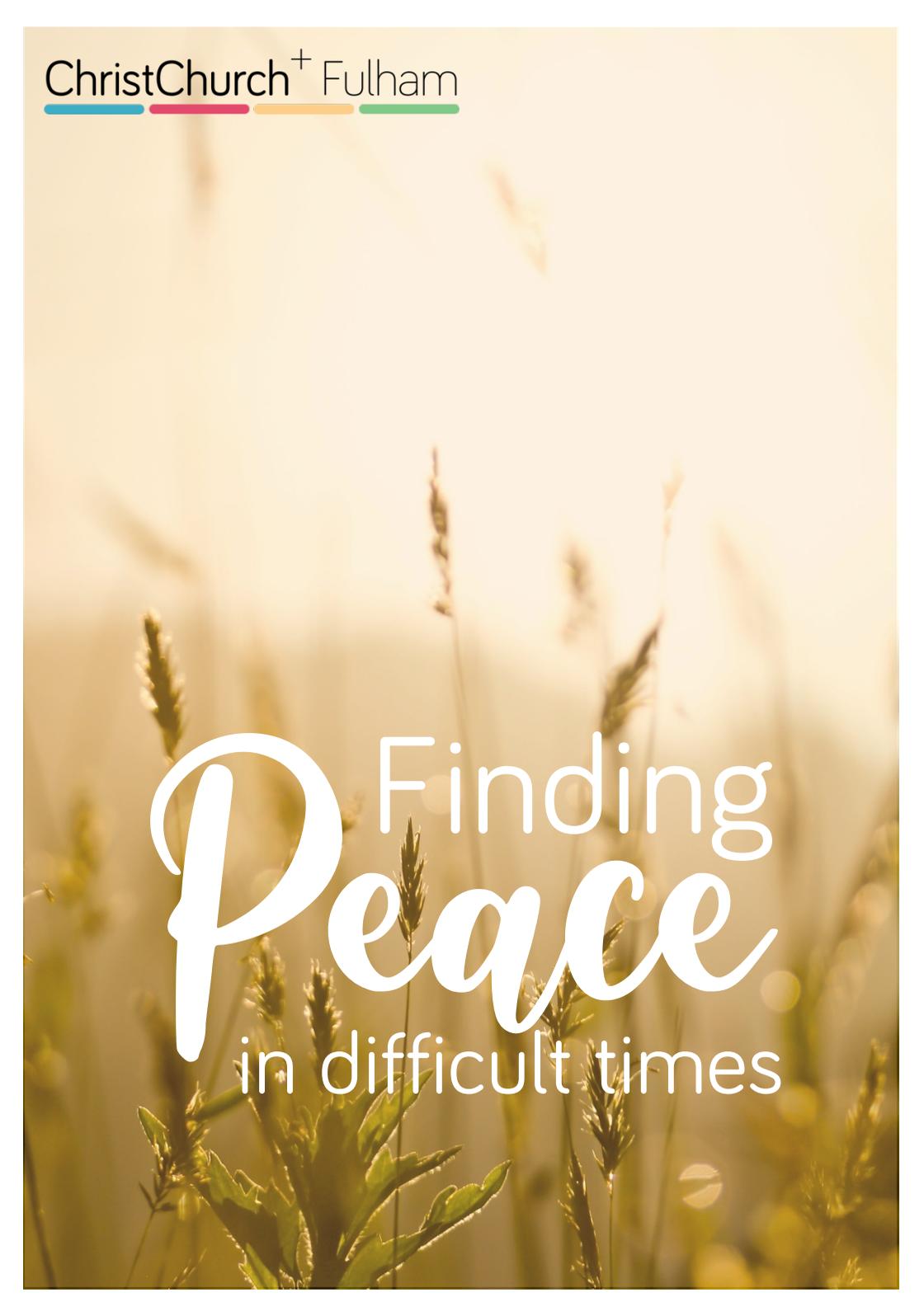


ChristChurch⁺ Fulham



Finding
Peace
in difficult times



FINDING PEACE IN DIFFICULT TIMES

We are all living in times of uncertainty, turmoil and fear. The COVID-19 virus has shaken our society in a profound way.

Our experience is that there is an answer to the deepest needs and cries of our hearts at this time. In this changeable and shifting world, there is a place for security, peace, and confidence.

At Easter time this is profoundly relevant to all of us.

We find it in the unshakeable and eternal goodness of God.

'God is our refuge and our strength, and ever-present help in times of trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth shakes and the mountains give way.'

Psalm 46: 1

Finding peace and security in the world is possible but only if we draw that peace and security from the spiritual realm - the realm in which God himself lives. We will not find it from this natural world or from natural strategies based on natural reasoning. We have to look somewhere else.

Jesus Christ is the Door into this realm of hope, peace, and security. It is a strong place of hope because Jesus Christ himself has risen from the dead. His life, love, and power is greater than all despair, every form of destruction, and every type of death.

Life in this present world is like being tossed back and forth by the waves of the sea-we simply do not know which way things will go or what will happen next. There is nothing to give us lasting security or peace.

But when we stretch out to God and find His strong and loving hands are already reached out to us, we can then grasp them and be grasped by them. God Himself is secure and stable, and he willingly gives to us the deep assurance that we are known, loved, held and secure.



Not just for this life but for eternity too.

Please do not think that Jesus has come to harm us, or judge us, or crush us. The very opposite is true. COVID-19 is not from God - He is here to help us in the midst of it.

Jesus said these things;

'I have come to give you life, and life to the full'

John 10: 10

'I have not come to Judge you but to save you and to lay my life down for you'.

John 3: 17

(by this he meant the death he was to die on our behalf on the Cross on Good Friday)

'Peace I give you-not as the world gives, but My peace do I give you'

John 14: 27

'In this world you will have many troubles, but do not fear for I have overcome this present world system.'

John 16: 33

'Whoever comes to me, I will never turn away.'

John 6: 37

This very day the offer of life and peace and hope is available for each of us.

We need simply

- To look upwards and turn our hearts to Jesus Christ who is close to all of us at all times.
- To listen to His words and put our confidence and trust in Him



- To receive his full, free, and astonishing forgiveness for all our lack of faith and trust in Him
- To ask Him to fill us with his life, love, and hope
- To choose to follow Him and obey Him every step of the way ahead

This is Gods path to eternal life. Eternal life is not only life after death but life without limits and it can start in your life today!

This life that flows from Jesus Christ is available to all of us, whoever we are and whatever we have been through.

Turn to Him today. He will not let you down.

‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that whoever believes in him will not die but have eternal life.’

John 3: 16

As a young man I put my life into the hands of Jesus Christ and my life was profoundly changed. I have never regretted that decision for a single moment. His Peace Life and Hope are real, solid and unshakeable.

If you would like to consider these things further please get in touch and we would be delighted to talk further with you.

Thank you for taking the time to read this booklet and I pray you find God's peace and joy this Easter.

Stuart Lees - Vicar of Christchurch Fulham
Email: Stuart@ccfulham.com
Phone: 07958 795708
Website: www.ccfham.com

