



## turningPOINTS

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020

There will be no formal meeting at THFC this Sunday due to the Coronavirus. Over the coming weeks we will continue to look at creative ways to connect as a church community. All regular events are currently cancelled.

### starting POINT

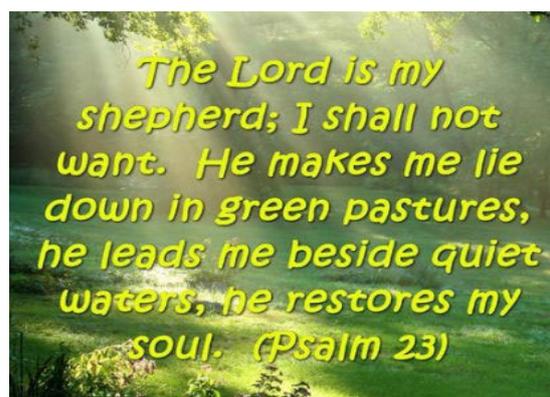
We encourage you all to call one another and connect as much as possible in the coming weeks. Look for opportunities to help and support each other - especially those in most need. All the elders are readily available for conversation and counsel. Check the church website and facebook page for updates.

<sup>10</sup> Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves. <sup>11</sup> Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. (Romans 12v10)

### From the Lectionary:

### Fourth Sunday in Lent

- First reading :1 Samuel 16:1-13
- Psalm: Psalm 23
- Second reading: Ephesians 5:8-14
- Gospel: John 9:1-41



“When you are so weak that you cannot do much more than cry, you coin diamonds with both your eyes..  
The sweetest prayers God ever hears are the groans and sighs of those who have no hope in anything but his love.”

Charles Spurgeon

## Bible Reading Plan

- **Monday, March 23, 2020:** [Psalm 146](#); [Isaiah 59:9-19](#); [Acts 9:1-20](#)
- **Tuesday, March 24, 2020:** [Psalm 146](#); [Isaiah 42:14-21](#); [Colossians 1:9-14](#)
- **Wednesday, March 25, 2020:** [Isaiah 7:10-14](#)  
• [Psalm 45](#) or [Psalm 40:5-10](#) ; [Hebrews 10:4-10](#) ; [Luke 1:26-38](#)
- **Wednesday, March 25, 2020:** [Psalm 146](#); [Isaiah 60:17-22](#); [Matthew 9:27-34](#)
- **Thursday, March 26, 2020:** [Psalm 130](#); [Ezekiel 1:1-3, 2:8-3:3](#); [Revelation 10:1-11](#)
- **Friday, March 27, 2020:** [Psalm 130](#); [Ezekiel 33:10-16](#); [Revelation 11:15-19](#)
- **Saturday, March 28, 2020:** [Psalm 130](#); [Ezekiel 36:8-15](#); [Luke 24:44-53](#)

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## God's Thunderclap

### An extract by John Piper:

<https://www.desiringgod.org/interviews/how-do-we-make-sense-of-the-coronavirus>

‘All natural disasters — whether floods, famines, locusts, tsunamis, or diseases — are a thunderclap of divine mercy in the midst of judgment, calling all people everywhere to repent and realign their lives, by grace, with the infinite worth of the glory of God. And the basis for that building block is Luke 13v1-5 Pilate had slaughtered worshipers in the temple. And the tower in Siloam had collapsed and killed eighteen bystanders. And the crowds want to know from Jesus, just like I’ve been asked, “Okay, make sense of this, Jesus. Tell us what you think about these natural disasters and this cruelty. These people were just standing there, and now they’re dead.” Here’s Jesus’s answer is Luke13v4-5: “Those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent [he shifts from *them* to *you*], you will all likewise perish.” Now, that’s the message of Jesus to the world at this moment in history, under the coronavirus — a message to every single human being. Me, and you, Tony, and everybody who’s listening, and every ruler on the planet, every person who hears about this, is receiving a thunderclap message of God, saying, “Repent.” (And I think the Chinese authorities should especially pay attention, who have recently — and I just read another article yesterday — become so increasingly harsh and repressive against the followers of Christ.) Repent and seek God’s mercy to bring your lives — our lives — into alignment with his infinite worth.’