



ST JOHN'S
CHAPELTOWN

ONLINE CHURCH

22 March 2020 (Lent 4)

still here for God, here for you!

A listening people

Read or listen to **Luke 2:25-35**. For discussion:

1. Share an experience you have had of waiting for something. What helped you to wait in that time?
2. Simeon was waiting for the fulfilment of God's promises, what do v. 28-32 tell us about his understanding of who Jesus is?
3. How do we see the truth of Simeon's words to Mary in v34-35 - both in Jesus' life? And in our own lives now?
4. What would it look like this week for each of us to wait and trust?

A praying people

The church's prayer for this week (4th Sunday in Lent) is:

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

And a special prayer for this time of epidemic:

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing
can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

How about remembering

- everyone having to self-isolate
- those in hospital who are ill
- Jane Hannis and her family as they mourn the loss of Gladys
- those in Government and the NHS with big decisions to make
- to pray for God's mercy, and an early end to the epidemic

A serving people

1. Is there someone we could encourage or help in some way today: with a phone call, a text or an email?
2. Why not join Christians across the nation in the time of lighting a candle in a window of your home at 7pm tonight, and praying for our nation?