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Dear all

Happy Valentine Day!

Normally I post letter to you on Thursday but I want you to get the post before Valentine Day so post tomorrow Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>.

Last week I draw dog and cat fighting – now look photo all 3 animals sleeping together on my bed!



Did you get lot of snow?

My home not too bad not deep

But very cold wind!

Clark shiver so got new coat – very smart!

Normally I go to Tesco but don't like busy shopping.

My village shop is small not much choice.

Sometimes food too much for 1 person - waste

Thought I try Wiltshire Farm Foods – perfect for me – very good food!



All food come frozen

I put meal in oven then walk dog

Home smell food ready eat!

Lovely jam roly poly!!

# Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February Church think about Jesus' Transfiguration

Bible reading Mark 9: 2 – 9 (adapted)

Jesus took Peter, James and John walk up mountain



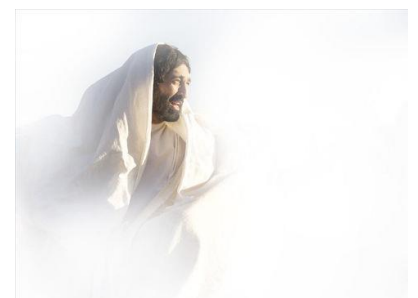
Then Jesus changed  
His clothes very very bright

Suddenly 2 men with Jesus  
2 men – Moses and Elijah  
They talk with Jesus



Peter, James and John became afraid.  
Peter said "Good we here. Let us make 3  
tents for you Jesus, Moses and Elijah"

Then cloud came down can't see  
Peter, James and John heard God's voice said  
"This is My Son – I love Him. Listen to Him."



When cloud gone Peter, James and John  
looked and saw only Jesus Himself

Thanks be to God

When Jesus took Peter, James and John up mountain – 3 disciples didn't know expect what. They thought maybe prayer meeting. They know Jesus often go up mountain Himself to pray.

BUT

BIG SHOCK!

What happen?

I can't see – too bright!

Who with Jesus?

Moses?!! Elijah?!!

3 disciples realised Moses and Elijah

Moses mean Law and Elijah mean Prophets.

Peter, James and John never met Moses and Elijah but they knew who..

Not expect! Not surprise they became afraid. That is not normal!

Peter don't know what to say – he said 3 tents. Why?

Jesus, Moses and Elijah – 3 very important men of God – must give them something. What? Peter, James and John have nothing to give.

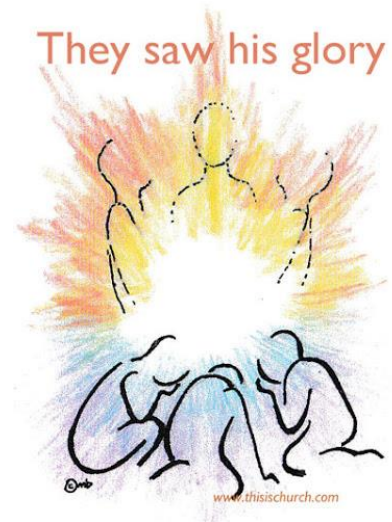
Peter think only one thing –  
1 tent for Moses and



build 1 tent for Jesus,  
1 tent for Elijah.

Maybe possible Peter think old Tent of Meeting where Jews worship long time ago.

But Jesus IS Son of God! God love Him. This LOVE why Jesus came.



# LOVE

Listen



God told Peter, James and John to listen to Jesus the Son of God.

We must listen to Jesus as well.

Most of us can't hear but we can listen with our eyes.

Lot of hearing people find listen with eyes difficult

Why? Hearing people use ears but some like go Deaf church help them



## learn listen with eyes.

One



Peter James and John believe in one God – Jesus is God's only Son.

When Peter, James and John see again after cloud gone – they saw

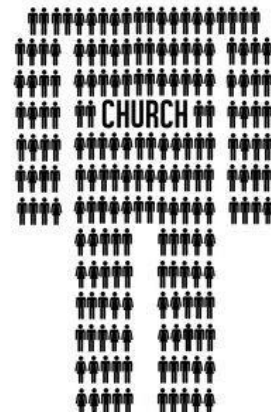
Jesus alone – Jesus himself only one.

We are one in Jesus. Jesus have one body

and we are part of his body – the Church.

Jesus is the One we must listen to.

ONE HEAD. ONE BODY.



Aye Deaf church closed but we still together as one.

How? You all get same letter every week

Why – I see you all together member of One Deaf Church.

Some people find very hard can't go to Deaf Church and/or Deaf Club – not all Deaf get my letter. We need pray for them to feel know God with them and love them.

## Valentine

We know Valentine mean LOVE Day. I hope you get lovely present, card, flowers, chocolate, etc. from someone you love this year 2021. I miss visit my brother Paul and my sister Anne because I love them. I miss you all as well because I love you too. That is why you get wee present from me!

I love myself too – I have bought myself lovely treat

From Hotel Chocolat – Love Portion → !!

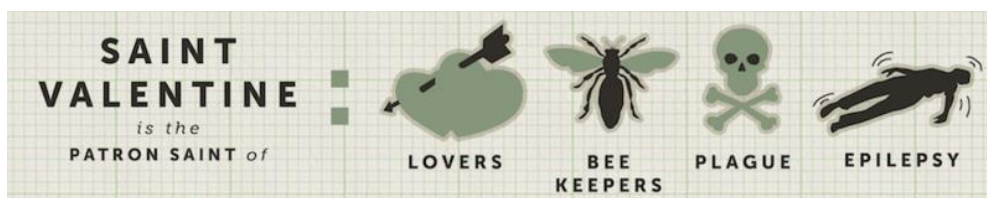
Can't wait for Sunday to eat and thank God – why?



# We love because God first loved us

*(1 John 4: 19)*

Did you know St Valentine is patron saint of plague as well as lovers?!



This year Valentine Day will be different from before – with lockdowns and restrictions many people cannot see / visit their loved ones. Some not seen / meet for one year miss love. And pandemic of Covid killed more than 100,000 people in UK. Valentine 2021 for both love and Covid?!!



We need to pray for all people who are ill with Covid. We pray for families who lost loved ones who died from Covid. We pray for all doctors and nurses care for ill people. We give thanks to God for vaccination.

## Encouragement



We have love of God in us all.

Both Transfiguration and Valentine show encouragement.

God encouraged Peter, James and John

- Listen to God's Son
  - Love same as God love Jesus
  - Hope for the future when die
- ➔ body change to glorious body same Jesus

God encourage us same

- Listen to God's Son
- Love Jesus same God
- Hope for future Jesus died, rose from dead and alive again

Difficult to see future because of Covid but we have eyes/ears to listen, love with love of God and hope for future that we all can meet again to hug!

Thank you for all your encouragement to me – many of you text me, video chat, WhatsApp, FaceTime, Facebook, send card / letter to me – you encourage me to keep going. I love you all with the love of God!

Just let you know I have other work must finish so next letter will be 2 weeks not next week.

Have Happy Valentine and enjoy chocolate, etc!

The glass / wood heart – you can do what you want with it.

God bless you all

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