

Tuesday 9th June 2020

Psalm 133:1 *“How good and pleasant it is*

When brothers live together in unity.”

Philippians 1:7,8 *“It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart; for whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God’s grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Jesus Christ”*

We all enjoy the warm feeling that comes with meeting like minded friends and relations. In the current crisis we miss this togetherness, this purposefulness, this unity that David writes about in Psalm 133. He goes on in this short psalm to compare the blessing of the Lord to the warmth of precious oil being poured on the head.

Do we miss our Sunday gathering of folk in the church?

Do we as a church bathe in the warmth of our unity in promoting the Gospel of Christ?

Sometimes that unity can be threatened by our sinful behaviour towards others. That can vary between minor bickering and point scoring to spitefulness, envy and malice. In the wider world there is little unity or evidence of brotherly love with oppression, suppression and, this week racism.

How we long for the sharing of God’s grace at home, in nations, between nations and all people of all nations. Paul, even in prison writes joyously to the church in Philippi about God’s grace and the truth of the Gospel that should be offered to all people.

We pray that we can do the same, gracefully in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen