



Dear all,

Have you ever experienced a child asking you 'why' in response to something you've said or asked them to do? As a parent I've experienced this and no doubt my parents did too! Sometimes, the only response is 'because I said so!' Whatever we've asked requires a particular response and we expect it! Jesus once said 'I am the way, and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me' (John 14:6). Here Jesus is teaching us three crucial things that are part of the DNA of Christianity.

First - there is only one way to God. In a world that likes to suggest there are many ways to God, Jesus says no – He alone is the way.

Second – Jesus is the Truth. In a world that proclaims Truth as relative (each person can believe what is true for themselves, even if they contradict), Jesus says no, He is the one in whom is found perfect, absolute, eternal Truth.

Third – Jesus is the Life. In a world that offers many different ways to experience life, Jesus says He alone can help people experience what it means to live life to the full, after all, He, His Father and the Holy Spirit created everything, so they should know!

So, what is your response to Jesus when He says: He is the way, and the truth and the life?

Church News:

- **Sunday 23 August**

You are welcome to join us in our church building for our service - we have excellent social distancing procedures in place that ensure everyone remains safe - from Hand Sanitiser, to a one-way system, to the chair layout to very clear signage, to the Track and Trace system... - do come and join us. To book tickets, [please click this link](#).

Zoffee and Zea will take place at the later time of **12.30pm - this is being organised by me (Tim!) again this week**. To join this time of fellowship, please contact me.

- **Weekly Challenge**

This week's challenge is to think about signs – it could be a road sign; it could be a name sign; it could be any kind of sign – do be as creative as you want. This week, please send your photos to me vicar@eatonsocon.org by **Saturday 22 August 12noon**, which will then be included in Sunday's Service.

- **Church's Annual Meeting (APCM)**

This is now rescheduled for **Sunday 4 October at 11.15am** after the 10am service. People can attend either in person or via Zoom online - further details will be available closer to the time. To view last year's report and the meeting agenda etc, please [click on this link](#). Paper copies are still available in the Church.

The Electoral Roll is once again open for revisions from Sunday 23 August for 28 days - if you checked your details earlier this year, you're fine. If you want to check or confirm your details, please email pccsec@eatonsocon.org

- **Recipe Book**

Don't forget to share your favourite lockdown recipes by sending them to brianelliott1948@gmail.com

Under Aslan's Paw

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