



Dear all,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This coming Sunday we continue our series of sermons on the book of the prophet **Ezekiel**, and Tim has asked me to tackle the subject of ***The God who judges***, based on **Ezekiel 25** where God pronounces judgement on four nations that surrounded Israel (Thanks Tim!). *[Tim responds saying 'You're welcome George!']*

You will sometimes hear someone say, '*If I had a pound for every time I heard someone say...I'd be rich*'. Though I don't think it would make me rich, there have been many occasions over the years when I've heard people say, including some Christians, that the **Old Testament** primarily reveals a **God of judgement**, and the **New Testament** primarily reveals a **God of love**.

In response I've always said that the **Old Testament** has a great deal to say about the **love of God**, and equally the **New Testament** has a great deal to say about the **judgement of God**, including from the lips of **Jesus** (not just '*gentle Jesus, meek and mild*').

Following Tim's request for me to preach this coming Sunday, I thought I'd better turn to my Bible Concordance to find out how many times both the judgement of God and the love of God are mentioned in both the Old and the New Testament to back up the above assertion. You'll be surprised at what I discovered – listen in on Sunday morning to find out more.

Rev. George Cobb

## Church News:

- **Inspiring Resources**

If you visit the Church's Inspiring Resources webpage [by clicking here](#), you can find some of the notes from the current Sermon Series on Ezekiel – do read and enjoy!

- **Call to Prayer**

The Archbishop of Canterbury has called for four weeks of prayer for the nation starting earlier this week (1 Feb). Resources are available on the Church of England by [clicking here](#). These can be prayed anytime, however the Archbishop encourages everyone to join together in prayer at 6pm daily.

- **Do you have an old laptop (PC and Mac!) you're no longer using?**

If so, [idash](#), a great local company and our church IT provider, is involved with the [Dreamdrops NHS charity](#) which refurbishes old computers for use by pupils and schools affected by Covid19. These can be dropped in at idash. Click on either of the links above for more information.

- **House needed May-August**

Missionaries that work in an Anglican Seminary training pastors in Uganda, are planning to come home May to August of this year. Does anyone know of a three bedroom furnished house available in the area? Do let Tim know.

- **St Mary's Bible Project**

Thank-you for supporting the Bible Project. Due to the amazing support received, there are only 10 Bibles (£100) left to sponsor to fully resource this project! Do [click here](#) to donate.

- **APCM**

This year's Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March @ 11.15am. [Click here to view the notices](#) and information relating to this meeting. Both the Annual Report and how people can attend will be available closer to the time.

- **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February Service**

Please join us on Zoom for 'Zoffee and Zea' afterwards for a time of catching up with each other at **11:45am** – contact me for more info.

Under Aslan's paw,

Tim

Vicar, St Mary's Eaton Socon