

Welcome

From the Rector's Desk

"The value of Forgiveness".

So often we are slow to forgive someone or something that offends or offended us. Why? Because the act against us belittled us, was abusive to our dignity, seared an unforgettable scar of emotional, traumatic, and physical pain to our memory. So, to "withhold Forgiveness" would seem to be the only fight back we could muster at such a time when we feel so broken and soiled by another. To withhold something from another gives us a sense of empowerment, the only sense of empowering we can have under the circumstances. What is often missed is that the withholding of Forgiveness removes any opportunity to ever look the offender in the eye without accompanying rage. Also, the absence of any remorse from the perpetrator creates a divide that could remain until death.

So, our Saviour Jesus the Christ in his own encounter of human brutality, leaves us the reason why we should forgive others. He says, "they know not what they do". This, I believe, is intended to say that those who set out to hurt others, cannot perceive the impact of their actions when driven by single-mindedness and selfish desire; and so is deemed helpless to consider any other option. It is as though they have been afflicted with a virus of pandemic proportions, which, when left unchecked, gives rise to symptoms like revenge, hatred, and continuous outbreaks of warring.

Love, because it is of the nature of God, does not die. Instead, love gives

rise to life, Jesus gave opportunity for renewed life, by cancelling out the monstrosities committed against him, through the power that "Forgiveness" is.

So, I invite you to join with me in praying for our world, especially in this climate for change. I pray that the true value of Forgiveness will be realised, because the world will choose to rebuild from the brokenness and become committed to "oneness, neighbourliness, and the bearing of another's burden. Let us continue to be the Missional Church, reaching out to others, and by imitating our Lord Jesus Christ.

I am your friend and Pastor,
Canon Darlington.

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