

Liturgical Date: Year B, Easter 2, 11th April 2021

Presenter **Rev Prof William (Bill) Loader**

Focus Reading John 20: 19-31

Message 6 minutes 0 seconds **“New Beginnings”**

Discussion Starters

1. What did you find the most significant idea in this message?
2. We are sent as Jesus was sent, but we are not Jesus: what is it that you do or can do which is like what Jesus did?
3. In what ways do you think your congregation is “Shalom”? – or could be better at being “Shalom”?
4. Can disciples really make a difference in the wider community? If so, how?

Lectionary readings for the day

Acts 4:32-35 This passage, detailing one of the first gatherings of Christians, emphasises their unity in that “the community of believers was one in heart and mind” (v32).

Psalms 133 The psalmist speaks quite vividly of the goodness in being united, stressing “how pleasing it is / when families live together as one” (v1).

1 John 1:1-2:2 The epistle particularly highlights that which brings believers together; namely, the resurrected Christ. The apostle uses vivid imagery of hearing, seeing, and touching the person of Christ who is the One who truly unites believers.

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All Age Message Rev Prof William (Bill) Loader **“Magpie and Easter”**

Approx. Length 6 Minutes 55 seconds

Precis of AAM

Bill has a conversation with a Magpie who is asking questions about ‘eggs’ after seeing children everywhere collecting them. A conversation about what happened at Easter and new life beginning again, follows.

Resources **Uniting in Worship (Blue Book)** Psalm 113, page 331

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