

## Highcliffe and Bransgore Methodist Churches

My Dear Friends,

Welcome to the fourth week in our Lent series, "Encounters with Jesus." With this Sunday being Mothering Sunday we are using John 4: 1-26, as the un-named woman who we know only as "the Samaritan Woman" encounters Jesus. She gets far more than she could ever have dreamed of when she turns up at the well in the mid-day sun to draw water. Importantly, what is the first thing she does after Jesus reveals these amazing truths to her? A few verses later you will read that she runs excitedly back to the town and declares to everyone, "come and see!"

In the video we begin by singing a beautiful version of "In Christ Alone" which is so appropriate during this time of Lent. The Worship at Home sheets contain prayers, preaching notes and the words and links to three worship songs, there is also a Bible "Mothers Hall of Fame" particularly for today. Our preacher on the video is Diana Middleditch and Kate Phillips reads the scripture passage. Our lovely Music Group comprised of singers from both Highcliffe and Bransgore complete the video with, "Come let us sing of a wonderful love." Diana has also written this weeks Bible study. Why not join one of our three virtual groups to discuss this with others?

A very big thank you to all who have contributed so generously and enthusiastically to these worship resources and to William for his dedication and professionalism to the behind the scenes work in producing the videos for us each week.

Be blessed as we use all of these wonderful resources to worship God today and join the Samaritan woman at her well of need, rejection and pain. With her, let us encounter Jesus afresh today and drink deeply from the living water that He freely offers us.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,

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