

5. The Words of Christ (vs. 17-20). *Actually, the heavenly Christ carries on talking until the end of chapter 3!*
- What does the fact that he is 'the First and the Last' tell us about Jesus? (cf. 1:4, 8) How does it encourage us as Christians?
 - What are the key events in Jesus's mission that verse 18 refers to?
 - How should we respond to the fact that Jesus holds the keys of death and Hades?

Applying it to our lives

- Jesus is among the lampstands. How does our attitude to church change when we see that Jesus is intimately involved in its life?
- Jesus is the First and the Last. How is the fact that Jesus is Lord over all of history an encouragement in uncertain times? What can we do to make this truth more real to us?
- Jesus holds the keys of death and Hades. In what way can this image help us face our own death and so die well?



**Week Beginning
Sunday 8th November 2020**

Growth Team News

Sadly, with the present Covid restrictions many of our Growth Teams are on pause. There are, however, a couple meeting on Zoom (see below). If you would like to give either of these a try this week, then please let Paul know on 01843 592562.

This week we start a series looking at the first three chapters of Revelation and Jesus's message to the churches. We start with the vision of the heavenly Christ in Revelation 1.

Even if you cannot join a Zoom Growth Team, please use this sheet with family members or meeting informally with a few others (no more than six!) The sheet works best after watching the Sunday Sermon, which is available on You Tube or through our website.

Mon. 8:00pm *on Zoom*

Thu. 8.00pm *on Zoom*



**Growing in Christ
to glorify God
and enjoy Him forever.**

Who is in charge?

Revelation 1:9-20 (page 1233 in church Bibles)

Space to take notes on the talk

Who is Revelation written for?

How should we read Revelation?

- _____
- _____

What impression of Jesus is conveyed?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Getting to know each other

- ❖ What is your favourite film?

Responding to the talk

1. What for you was the most important point made in the talk?
2. Revelation: The writer and the readers. (vs. 9-11)
 - a. How does John describe himself in verse 9?
 - b. How helpful a description of Christians do you think this is?
 - c. Who is John told to write to? Can you find these places on a map?
3. The vision of Christ (vs. 12-16)
 - a. Read through this vision. What is the overall impression of Jesus that it leaves you with?
 - b. What do the seven golden lampstands represent? (see 1:20)
 - c. What does Jesus being among the lampstands show us about his present relationship with the church?
 - d. Read Revelation 19:11-16. What connections are there with the images of the vision in 1:12-16? How do these connections develop our understanding of Jesus?
4. Connections with the Old Testament (Going Deeper, feel free to skip)
 - a. Read Daniel 7:9-10 and 13-14. What links are there with Revelation 1:12-16? How do these deepen our understanding?
 - b. Read Daniel 10:4-14. What links are there with Revelation 1:12-16?
 - c. How do Daniel and John react to the vision initially? What does this show us about the one who has come to talk to them?