## Two versions for inserting into newsletters – What is Word of God Sunday?

## For inserting into newsletters (longer version)

Word of God Sunday, 26 January 2020

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