

Feather and Raindrops

Welcome to our reflection for Church without Walls

Here are some ideas of how to use these reflections:

Pray that God will lead your thoughts.

Sit comfortably, take a few deep breaths and relax.

Let your mind wander as you read the reflection. Write down your thoughts in a notebook. If you are busy, try and pick out something to take with you in odd moments during the day.

You may wish to memorise the Bible verse. Write it out and stick it up somewhere.

Bible Verse

He will cover you with his feathers, and under His wings you will find shelter;
His faithfulness will be your shield and protection. (*Psalm 91:4*)

Reflection

I was walking in Croham Hurst woods when I came across this feather. It was surrounded by dry, dead, brown leaves. No sign of the spring flowers found



elsewhere in the woods bringing joy to those who looked and saw them. The reason I stopped in my tracks was the beauty of the raindrops that had settled on the feather. It changed the image of the feather from something ordinary to something special and joyful. Had the sun been shining, they would have sparkled like diamonds.

The dry leaves no longer on the tree, the feather no longer where it should be with the bird. For both, life had changed. What has changed for you? How are you coping?

At this moment in time, what do the dry leaves symbolise for you?

The soft feathers of a bird give warmth to the bird, and the outer, strong feathers give the bird protection from the rain. What makes you feel protected normally? Has that changed?

When we look at this photo, depending on our frame of mind, we may see only dry leaves and an unremarkable feather, or we may see the beauty of the raindrops on the feather. Thank God for the beauty of this world. Choose something you consider beautiful (an ornament, a piece of nature, a letter, something your child has made) and place it prominently in your home to remind you of beauty.

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