

Journey

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

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.

(2 Corinthians 4:7-10)

Reflection



Have you ever been on a long road which goes on and on? It is impossible to see the end. There is little vegetation. At first it was interesting. A new experience. But monotony sets in. There is a longing to reach a little village where there might be a cup of tea. Or perhaps you are going to a little settlement with gifts of food. Imagine the delight of the people when you arrive. They didn't know you were coming. You share out the food and talk about Jesus. They are keen to hear. Which is the treasure? The food or the message of Jesus? Or both?

This time of year we remember the journey of the Magi to see Jesus bearing their gifts. The wise men came to give and to pay honour, not to receive. We pay honour to Jesus, but who do we need to pay honour to especially at this time?

We have all been on a "journey" last year. Take some time this week to reflect on the treasures you have received and what you have given. We have learnt to appreciate small gifts ... a phone call ... meeting someone on a walk and chatting at a distance.

Has your journey last year been difficult? And this year looks the same, although there is some hope with the vaccine. We have learnt a lot about disappointment and only to pencil in events. Perhaps by making the effort of giving treasures we can break the monotony. To those who are busier than ever, perhaps we can send a message of encouragement.

Looking forward let us try to be generous with small treasures as we begin our journey through another year with so many uncertainties.

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