

# Daily Reflection

## Daily Update – Monday 28th September

Good Morning Everyone,

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September

Job 1:6–end

Psalm 17:1–11

Luke 9:46–50

### ***My Redeemer lives***

Most of the book of Job is taken up with well-meaning people failing in their attempts to rationalise the awful predicament Job was experiencing. With that very much in mind, I will avoid any feeble attempts to explain what's happening in the heavenly realm regarding the pandemic! Job didn't have any direct spiritual enlightenment about his situation to start with, but I am humbled by his deep sense of resolve, to trust God in his judgements and provision. Whatever came his way, the name of the Lord was to be praised. (Job 1:20)

In Psalm 17, we see that David was also suffering; although this psalm does not reveal the circumstances faced by David. His approach was to bring the case to the Lord and appeal to his justice.

What unites both David and Job, was their unshakable faith and recognition that the Lord is just, fair and infinite in resource, power and love.

The excellent short book by Prof. John Lennox, 'Where is God in a Coronavirus World?', doesn't provide an unequivocal answer as to 'why', but it does help to align our thoughts to trust in our Almighty God. It's well worth a read. Coronavirus has certainly challenged us to think about our fragility and mortality.

However, in our present upside-down world, with no corporate singing, the outlawing of hugging one another and no meeting to share bread and wine; we are forced to consider what really matters. These verses leapt out at me this morning.

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus". Phil 4:6,7*

This was David's approach, but I leave you with the words of Job,

*"I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth". Job 19:25*

### **Prayer**

Dear Lord,

We thank you that you are an Almighty and every loving God. Who did not spare your son to allow us access to your Kingdom.

We bring before you today our prayers and petitions for your healing touch to come upon your fallen world. Protect us and bless us today with your presence; and help us to rise above the situation we face so we might learn to praise you in new and exciting ways.

Amen

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## **Remember...**



## **News**

### **Sunday services in October**

Please email me at [admin@stjohnssouthbourne.com](mailto:admin@stjohnssouthbourne.com) if you would like to come to any services in October.

**The cut-off date for booking for each week's service is the Thursday before.**

**If you are unable to attend a Sunday service that you have booked, email the admin address of phone 01243 375576.**

### **Bags of Compost**

**They are more bags of compost available around the back of the Centre if you would like to help yourself. Could you please bring the bag back.**

### **Urgent Help Required**

We are in need of someone to help with the video editing for the Sunday services. This involves taking the various video/text elements, combining them together, and uploading to the internet. If you or someone you know is interested in helping out or seeing what is involved, please get in touch with Jon Robinson. [wardens@stjohnssouthbourne.com](mailto:wardens@stjohnssouthbourne.com)

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**Street prayer topics for tomorrow Tuesday 29th September. (9.30 to 10.15 am)**  
We will be praying for Main Road West.

Including Pears Grove, Parham Close & Jubilee Mews.  
We will also remember our friends in Bosham and further west.



## Humour

*From Ireland...*

"Father," asked the village reprobate,  
"What would be this sciatica that I read about?"  
The parish priest saw his chance.  
"Ah," he replied, "You may well ask. A most painful and incurable infliction,  
and it comes of loose living and bad ways. Those get sciatica who neglect  
their religious duties, and go after the drink, and lead lives of dissipation."  
"I am very grateful to you, Father," the reprobate replied, "and I am glad to  
know about sciatica, for I have just read how his Lordship the Bishop is  
suffering from a severe attack of it."