

# Daily Reflection

**Daily Update – Monday, 5th October**

**Good Morning Everyone,**

**Today's Reflection is from Martin Fair – Thank you Martin!**

**Gal 1:6–12**

**Psalm 111:1–6**

**Luke 10:25–37**

***Ponder on God's great works!***

Today's readings include the parable of the Good Samaritan told by Jesus, which is an example of anti-social distancing! The Psalm is, by my count, one of eleven which start with "Hallelu Yah" (a more literal version of the Hebrew), meaning Praise the Lord! A good start for any day.

However, today I am struck by the message in the Galatians' passage, which we've been covering in some depth in our Sunday evening *iWonder* series. The theme throughout the book is, 'Why were the Galatians so attracted to going back to their old ways?' In their case, this was the Jewish legalistic way, believing that following rules and regulations you can earn your way into heaven. As we have a Saviour who has paid the price for us, all we need to do is confess our sin and believe in his salvation! Turning back from grace to legalism caused Paul to use quite strong words to the Galatians.

In these challenging times of separation from each other in fellowship and worship, we may have become complacent. There are virtual services where we can pick a convenient time to worship, pause it, and even combine it with other activities giving God less than our full attention. Conversely, these times can be a good opportunity. Many of us have in the past sought a deeper relationship with God through 'retreats'. I have always thought this an inappropriate choice of words, as quality time alone with God is more about advancing rather than retreating, but of course, it is retreating, or withdrawing from our busy environment, to focus on our God. There are opportunities to be made if we set apart and prioritise our quiet times. We can offer you fellowship, Bible Studies, Virtual Coffee, Quizzes etc. Please contact the office if you wish to take part in any of these groups - [admin@stjohnssouthbourne.com](mailto:admin@stjohnssouthbourne.com)

Our Psalm today contains the verse (v2) which reminds us that, not only are God's works great, but we will gain delight in pondering them. So, let's get pondering and reflect on the awesome provision of the Lord! We are not a glass half-empty people, nor even half-full; but a good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over (Luke 6:38)!

As Paul wrote to the Ephesians, "I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God". (Eph 3:17b-19)

Hallelu Yah!

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## Prayer

Praise the Lord!

We extol you with all of our hearts, for great are your works, glorious and majestic. Yet you are gracious and compassionate to us your people. Fill us today with a realisation of your awesome power and might, that we might ponder on what you have done for us in Jesus and let us join with everything that has breath, to Praise the Lord!

Amen

## Remember...



## News

### Street Prayer topics for Tuesday 6th October 2020. (9.30 to 10.15 am)

Southbourne Fields, Alfrey Close, Wodehouse Way, Lawley Way, Lawley View.  
We will also be remembering the activities of "Love Southbourne" as we reach out to the Parish..

(During the summer we have been meeting in our gardens – we have now started getting together on Zoom. If you would like to join us could you please contact Anne Marsden in the first instant. If you live in the area we are praying for and know of any special need could you let us know – [peter.p.b.pearson@btinternet.com](mailto:peter.p.b.pearson@btinternet.com) or phone – 371591.)

### Copyright Overview Training

You are invited to attend our Copyright Overview training session on Thursday 8th October, at 8pm. This training is essential for all those who use images, video and audio on behalf of the church in any form, including posters, service content, programmes, online materials and recordings.

The training will take place on Zoom and last around half an hour. Please contact the office for the connection details.

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## **Mark Everson**

Mark has settled well into his new home, Rotherlea Care Home (he thinks he is still in Glebe as the layout is the same!).

If you would like to call or send him a card, the telephone and address are:

**Rotherlea Care Home  
Dawtrey Road  
Petworth GU28 0EA**

**01798 306616**

**I am sure he would love to hear news from St. John's.**

## **Sunday Services in October**

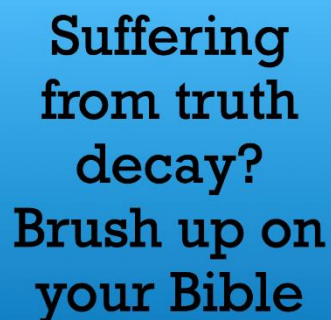
Please email me at [admin@stjohnssouthbourne.com](mailto:admin@stjohnssouthbourne.com) if you would like to come to any services in October.

**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.**

**Have you got flu-like symptoms? Please don't attend Church.**

## **Humour**



**Suffering  
from truth  
decay?  
Brush up on  
your Bible**