

Reflection for 19 July 2020

I wonder why it was that the two followers of Jesus didn't recognise him when he was with them on the road, even when he was teaching them?

I wonder why it was only when he took the bread, blessed it and gave it to them that they did?

I wonder why there are times and places where God seems so close and other times where God feels so far away?

I wonder in what way you experience the presence of God with you now?

Many of us will have experienced a 'thin place' at some point in our lives, a moment shot through with God's glory where the divide between the eternal and the earthly, the visible and invisible suddenly felt so very slender. The idea is theologically dodgy of course - nowhere can be further from God than any other place - can it? Yet those certain glimpses encourage us, as moments where light gets in ... whether we are sitting in a place steeped in centuries of prayer or seeing something so beautiful that it takes our breath away.

Is it that sometimes we are more open to the mysterious, more open to receive; sometimes more expectant?

I don't know, for sure- but this I do know (in Godly play language), 'As we draw closer to God, God draws closer to us'; in the gifts of those moments of perception we can know more deeply our calling to live and work for God's praise and glory.

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