

# Mid-week Reflection for week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> January

## Light of the Nations

### Isaiah 41 v 21 to 42 v 4

Perhaps like me you have been watching the night sky and been amazed at how bright the two planets, Jupiter and Saturn were as they had their once in 20 years conjunction on December 21<sup>st</sup> and have continued to shine over the Christmas period. Is this what happened as the Magi followed the star?

Wandering around with our eyes skywards is probably not best practice but as we reach the Epiphany the Christmas tree lights, candles and all those things which have been shining throughout the Christmas season will be extinguished. So where does that leave us? Our turn to pick up the 'light of the world' and shine it into the darkness. As the Pandemic ravages the world, we hold the light of hope. As people come out of the darkness we hold the light of joy, and as we seek to move forward may we do so with the light of peace.

Jesus, light of the world come into our hearts as we journey on through this New Year of 2021.

### Let us pray

Lord we thank you for the hope that you brought to the world. May we share that hope and love in a world that is hurting. May we be lights of joy in the darkness and of peace in the turbulence around us. Through your grace may we find courage and healing in otherwise impossible situations. May we know your touch that ignites in us the light and power of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

### Meditation

Think of the year that is to come-  
The uncertainty of what it holds  
and what it will mean to you.  
Think of the year that is to come-The  
opportunities for witness and service  
and what it will mean to you.  
Think of the year that is coming-  
And thank God for what he can do in  
your life.

