

# Mid-week Reflection for week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## The Life of Faith

### 2 Peter 1: 1-18

I loved watching my Mum baking and would fight with my sisters over who licked the spoon afterwards. Mum never weighed the ingredients or had a recipe in front of her.

Making a cake, following recipe always looks and sounds so easy until you try. It was my turn to cook in the house I shared with two girls. I remember clearly going to the supermarket and seeing marrows buying onions, minced beef, preparing the marrow, cooked the onions and meat, stuffed the marrow but then realised I hadn't a clue what temperature, how long in the oven? "Mum how do I...?" There is much more to cooking than knowing the ingredients and a source of heat.

As I read this chapter it reminded me of a recipe, add goodness to your faith, to goodness add knowledge... self-control ...endurance, ... godliness, ...mutual affection and love! Peter was encouraging the early Christians to resist false teaching and immoral lifestyles. As we all know it's not that easy to blend Christian teaching and everyday living. The ingredients alone are not the cake.

The wooden spoon often an image of stirring up trouble is of course the key tool in blending the ingredients, smoothing the mixture to produce the lightest of cakes that taste so good we lick the spoon.

### Let us pray

Lord you give to us in abundance, meeting our need and more. Sometimes we are slow to see, recognise and use all you make available to us. Forgive us and help us to add to our faith from your goodness that we may become the people you made us to be and a congregation at one with each other and you. Amen.

### Meditation

Verse 3 affirms 'God has given us everything that is necessary for living a truly good life' is that your experience?

The Good News Bible headlines this section 'God's Call and Choice', J.B. Phillips 'God has done his part: see that you do yours'. Which do you prefer?

Every picture tells a story. "Taste and see that the Lord is good!"

