

Mid-week Reflection for week commencing 20th September 2020

In the Beginning

Genesis 1:1-3:24

There's a well-known joke about a tourist who asks a local farmer for directions. The farmer replies: 'Well sir, if I were you, I wouldn't start from here'. Sometimes when we are lost it is not we don't know where we are going, it is we don't know where we are!

Starting points are important in meetings, conversations, relationshipslifefaith. Often overlooked but ever present they are the connection between the past and the future. A late night, struggling to get up, running late for work/school can be a way of life or a revelation that going to bed earlier will give a better start to the next day.

This week's readings confront us with the Sovereignty of God in creation, the human story and the relationship between them. Written for different times to ours and yet there is deep meaning and relevance, there is benefit, food for our journey and light for our path. It gives perspective to life then and now. It reminds us of corporate responsibility, that none of us live in isolation. What we do or don't do has consequences for others sooner or later.

Let us pray

Sovereign Lord, at creation life began. Each day is a new beginning. Help us to be renewed by its freshness of opportunity, freed from the failings of the past and empowered by your creative spirit that we might know the goodness of God.

In a world struggling to respond to Covid-19, global warming, damaged economies and the rising need for Governments to work together, help us to be realistic about where we are and where we want to be, to learn from our mistakes and be willing to change for the wellbeing of others, to bring hope and direction to the hopeless and lost.

Meditation

"Where are you?" (Genesis 3:9) God asked Adam and asks you today. How do you respond?

How does it feel to know the maker of heaven and earth is watching over you?

Thanks be to God who made the heavens and the earth.
Thanks be to God for science who helps us realise just how marvellous the earth is and how dependent we are on each other!

