

Read

John 3.14-21

This passage comes out of an encounter between Nicodemus and Jesus. Nicodemus, a prominent Jewish leader, has come to talk to Jesus under the cover of darkness, and given this context it is surely no coincidence that Jesus chooses the metaphors of light and dark to talk about himself and others. The passage includes one of, if not the best known verses in the New Testament: 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life'.



How can we show that we live in the light rather than the darkness?

REFLECT

Make a space as dark as possible – e.g. close the curtains, put on an eye mask. Sit in the darkness for five minutes. What does it feel like to be in the dark – comforting, safe, disorienting, scary? What kind of things happen in the dark? What do you think Jesus meant when he said that 'people loved darkness instead of light'?

Now make it as light as you can as suddenly as you can – switch on the lights or go out into the sun. Do your eyes feel assaulted by the sudden light? How do you feel, after sitting in the dark, to come into the light?

There is a level of discomfort to work through when we move from darkness into bright light – even though we know it's where we'd rather be. Can you create your own spiritual metaphor around this feeling?



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Link for on line worship

<https://www.valeofstour.org.uk/virtual-church/live/vosworship>

Newsletter: Sunday 14th March 2021

Mothering Sunday

1. Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us still in grace,
and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ills,
in this world and the next.

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As always, Stay safe God Bless

Please remember Carole Welding and Family in your prayers.
Cedric's Funeral Monday 15th March 2021 12.20pm
Stourbridge Crematorium –Invitation only. Webcam details
available from Margaret Kite.

Please also pray for Revd Josephine, whose brother has died in Malaysia and as was the case when her Mother passed away last year, she is unable to travel for the funeral.

From Rev Josephine re her birthday fundraising – ways to donate

1. Direct pay into:
[Crowdfunding to support people in lower-income countries and the vulnerable communities in this world to have the equal opportunities to Covid19 vaccine. on JustGiving](#)
2. Send cheque payable to Wesley Methodist Church to Margaret Kite if that is easier for you.

From Amblecote Wordsley

Reminder Food Bank Collection Wednesday 17th March
10.30am – 12.30pm