

Questions for reflection

How would you feel about being presented with a challenge like this?

How could you finish the sentence ‘When the going gets tough...’?

How can you support one another through the challenging realities of being a disciple of Jesus?



Wesley Methodist Church

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Newsletter: Sunday 21st June 2020

Weekly Feature – Favourite Hymns – Margaret Nixon

Let love be real, in giving and receiving,
without the need to manage and to own;
a haven free from posing and pretending,
where every weakness may be safely known.
Give me your hand, along the desert pathway,
give me your love, wherever we may go.

*As God loves us, so let us love each other;
With no demands, just open hands and space to grow.*

The Methodist Conference this year will be a Virtual Conference, and although Revd Josephine’s Ordination Service is on hold, her ‘Reception into Full Connexion’ will be at 6pm on Saturday 27th June. For those with access to the internet it can be found at

<https://wesley.valeofstour.org.uk/links>

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Keep Safe – God Bless

Survey enclosed or attached if newsletter received on email.

Live your faith:

Find out about some persecuted Christians (e.g. through the work of Open Doors, in over 70 countries). Consider how what you learn can inspire or help you in living out your faith – especially ‘when the going gets tough’.

A prayer for others

Loving Lord, you call and equip us to serve you. Watch over those who risk their own safety by caring for oppressed believers. Strengthen and protect all those who are persecuted for sharing their faith in places where living out their Christian faith in peace is not allowed.

Loving Lord, you empower us to live out our discipleship. Give wisdom, imagination and the strength to persevere to those who face apathy as they seek to live out their discipleship.

Loving Lord, you understand what it means to suffer for what is right. Give comfort and courage to those who are unjustly imprisoned, intimidated and tortured because of their faith.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.

Amen.

A personal prayer

Lord, may I know your guidance as I seek to be a faithful disciple in the places to which you send me. Amen.