Wednesday 29th April

Psalm 116

Reading Luke 24.13-25

Some thoughts about topics for prayer are:-

For those who have lost loved ones

Those who are sick at present

Those who are very fearful.

For families continuing to cope with “lockdown”

For al those working for the NHS and the Ambulance Service

For everyone who is working to proved help and security to those in need

For the PM and all who have the responsibility to manage the total response to the “Covid” problem

I think we should end by giving thanks for the reassurance that our reading today give to us - that we are not alone

**Collect:**

Risen Christ,

you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:

strengthen us to proclaim your risen life

and fill us with your peace,

to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

**A meditation on the Emmaus road story – a journey to faith.** (Luke 24.13-25)

This is a lovely story every bit as good as the great Old Testament stories. It’s a story that draws you in. Perhaps that is Luke’s aim in including it. It’s a story about coming to faith in Jesus as Lord.

The two disciples were sad, disillusioned, and bewildered. Their hopes seemed dashed – this is not how they had imagined things. Where was God in all this? Well let’s look

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1. As they struggled with this, Jesus himself drew near. When we look back on our own faith journey, we can often recognise a time when, it seemed a great struggle to keep going. At that time, something, or someone, helped us to continue moving along
2. A dialogue that became a monologue – many wish we had a record of the details of that teaching – perhaps we have in all that Luke wrote.
3. Then comes the point of decision. They had now to take a step on the basis of what they had heard. Was it just interesting or rather more than that? It certainly was something more than just interesting - they just couldn’t let this man leave them now. How about you?
4. Now the climax - the revelation of who had drawn alongside – the risen Lord Himself. The Christian faith is both about who is Jesus and also about a personal encounter with Him. To them it was as he broke bread – it has been so for countless others – perhaps you too. The very act of worship that Jesus Himself instituted. The act of worship at the heart of the Christian faith – commanded by Jesus – ***“do this in remembrance of me”.***
5. Finally, the full realisation of what had really happened – and how special it was – “didn’t our hearts burn within us?” That always has rung bells with me – the way scripture took on a new and vibrant meaning.

I know exactly what they mean, “How about you?

1. They just had to share what had happened – their lives would never be the same again. I can identify with that. How about you?

So, let’s reflect upon this story in the context of our own Christian journey – whatever stage it is at.

t’s a story that has helped so many to orientate their journey – perhaps it may help you with yours.

Why not just read though it again – nice and slowly!