

Thought for the day Friday 7th August

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Hebrews 13 v 8 reminds us that.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

This thought actually began to form in my mind some time ago.

Remember when there was an email from Andrew with the two thoughts for the day. One from Maureen Ownsworth. Andrew wrote about Maureen taking us back to early day Methodism.

It was around the time of year when under normal circumstances, remember them. I would have already been to the North East of England to visit family and beginning to make preparations for a second trip with the youngest daughter while she was in the country. Also I was remembering how at the same time last year my sister and I had been away for a weekend to visit a flower show.

We each have memories, some are similar to the ones I mention above of family or visits we have made to many places. We all have memories of our early years as Christians when we were young in the faith. Remember when you took that important first step, or it could be that this is where you are right now. For some of us it seems many years ago since we became Christians or maybe you are somewhere in the middle. For me it was what feels like many years ago when as a young teenager I first truly met Jesus. During the course of the years since then I have changed so much in many ways. Yet not only as I write this today but whatever day you chose, the really, really good news is that wherever we are in our Christian faith, at what stage of development we are. Either completely new or an old veteran, Jesus is just the same. We all still have much to learn and we still all make mistakes, yet Jesus is still teaching and helping us all our journey through. He is the same today as yesterday, my great unchanging friend. I pray Jesus is the same to you.

My hymn choice reinforces the message from Hebrews found after the prayer.

A Prayer adapted from Life & Work magazine.

God of our fathers and mothers you have reigned with Sovereign skill
In storms and stories of years past, (it is in looking back) they tell us.
That we can see and say. "God has always been faithful."

God of our brothers and sisters you rule today, and you care today
In a world shaken turned upside down you are the only unchanging One

God of our children, you hold their destiny in your hands.
They are not victims of fate. But inheritors of faith.

What new world will you make from the rubble of coronavirus?
May our eyes be open to what you will do.
Into this world, Come Lord Jesus
The same yesterday, today and forever. Amen.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j5DWxFE_uWc