

St James Thought for the Day – Friday 5th June, 2020

Coffee Mornings

- Revd John Marshall

Have you come to our coffee mornings?

I think they have been fun and thoughtful (and one's coffee is usually the way one likes it). It has been a brilliant opportunity, cleverly chaired or curated by Jill, to meet together chat and learn from each other.

As they went on they have been themed; with recommendations in lockdown; stories and jokes; we have shared music, songs and thoughts; we shared recipes; we remembered holidays and places we liked to visit (and had a quiz). We shared sayings and thoughts on Dominic Cummings; and what we have learnt in lockdown and our horror at the unfolding situation in the U.S.A..

It has been a time to come together and perhaps share problems or solutions. To chat and to be.

At its heart it is the coming together of a group of people who know and love Jesus. Though he never appears on the zoom listings, God is in the group.

You do remember Jesus said "when two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there in the midst of them."

Song: There's a quiet understanding – you can listen to it here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BqJ-JY3-nfU>

There's a quiet understanding
When we're gathered in the Spirit
It's a promise that He gives us
When we gather in His name
There's a love we feel in Jesus
There's a manna that He feeds us
It's a promise that He gives us
When we gather in His name

And we know when we're together
Sharing love and understanding
That our brothers and our sisters
Feel the oneness that He brings
Thank You, thank You, thank You, Jesus

For the way You love and feed us
For the many ways You lead us
Thank You, thank You, Lord