

Thought for the day – Friday 8th January 2021

A surprise – Rev John Marshall

Today we had a knock on our door, or it might have been a ring. Our own friendly postman was there with some letters and a package. He was wearing a mask and a large post office anorak, he was still cheerful in the rain.

I was surprised to get the parcel – especially as it rattled. I shouldn't have been – it was support bandages ordered on Monday. I was even more surprised and delighted to find Christmas chocolates inside.

It felt a kind and cheering gesture, from the company.

About this time (early December) we would normally be looking forward to inviting school children in for the Christmas experience. The last station, which Kit introduces is the Gift, and of course we know that the Gift of God, was His Son Jesus Christ.

Jesus passed on a gift to his followers, the Holy Spirit.

When he appeared to his disciples we are told in John chapter 20 Jesus said "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you. And with that he breathed on them and said "Receive the Holy Spirit."

(NB we can celebrate Christmas up to Candlemas.)