

## St James News: Thought for the day – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

### Rick Wakeman - Rev John Marshall

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If you come into church on a Friday, you may hear Rick Wakeman playing hymns.

He was brought up a Baptist in South Harrow.

I have taken this thought from the sleeve notes for

Morning has broken Rick Wakeman plays your favourite hymns.

He says “The truth is I love hymns (not all of them admittedly)I just love what they stand for and the fantastic role that they play in our worship. I also consider the hymn to be an important part of outreach, especially at Christmas and Easter“

“Some of the most beautiful melodies that have ever been produced by composers throughout the centuries are those that have been written for hymns.

Many of these melodies are so well known that they easily convey the spiritual message quite beautifully when simply performed without words.

“As a Christian producing Morning has broken has been one of the most rewarding recordings I have ever had the pleasure to be involved with, I sincerely hope that this pleasure can be shared by all who listen to this cd.”

He sees his music as a gift from God.

“Every word, every note has been given by our Lord whom we love and depend upon so much.”

What is your favourite hymn?

What does it say to you ?