

Thought for the day - Saturday 16th January 2021

Unexpected Light - Revd Kit Gunasekera

Jill and I enjoyed putting up the solar powered lights around the church grounds during Advent and Christmas, and they are now in our garden, as we keep them powered up so to speak till next Christmas!

They tend to come on at about 4.30pm and stay on for about 15-30 mins. By night time they are usually all gone out. It was therefore a great surprise to see one of them still on at 7am yesterday morning, as I accompanied one of my cats, Clara, on her morning inspection of the vicarage grounds! It was such a delight to see it - this unexpected light!

It reminded me of so many encounters in the bible when God meets with people, in unexpected ways. From calling Abraham from nowhere, to appearing to exiled Moses, Ananias coming to Paul when he was blind, the angel meeting Hagar when she was desperate, Jesus appearing to his disciples in the boat when the waters and the wind was rough, appearances to Mary, Joseph, Elizabeth, Zachariah, Shepherds, Magi in the nativity....

In many ways we are it seems in the thickest part of this Covid storm so far. That gives hope that the turning point may not too far. In any event, Psalm 139 speaks about how even in the 'darkest' times in life, God is present.

May we be alert to see an unexpected light today. And may we allow Him to use us, to appear to someone else in need, as an unexpected light.

Bible Reading: [Psalm 139](#)