

## **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

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### **Sharing Good News**

As we are moving towards Lent, with all that is going on in our world, Earthquakes, Injustice, Recession, Challenging debate/ conversations in our church, we must keep in mind why we are called the Church of Jesus Christ. Our Church here in St James Clapham Park, agreed in our PCC meeting in September 2005, our present Mission Statement, which is “To know Christ and make him known”.

This involves:

Deepening our faith and getting to know Christ better.

To be more inclusive and welcoming

Valuing and celebrating diversity.

Worshipping in this holy place and helping spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Loving all the people in God’s kingdom.

Hence our local Church is still striving to know Jesus Christ and to make him known in our community, as it is an ongoing task. As Christians, this is our main duty. We are all children of the same living God. To put it simply as in the Greatest Commandment, we should love God above everything else, and to love our neighbour as ourselves. It is about being proactive, dynamic, and outward looking in our faith and having the courage, conviction, and creativity to share with others why we believe in Jesus.

### **BIBLE PASSAGE: Matthew 28. 19 – 20**

(Jesus said) Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always.