

## **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023**

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It has been hugely inspiring to read about the history of our church in Jim's wonderful new exhibition - Treasures Revealed. When our original church was destroyed completely in 1940, during the blitz, it took 18 years, before the new St James was consecrated. The rebuilding, is a wonderful story of the church and parish coming together and working together, with great faith, generosity, resilience - and the grace of God.

We stand today, on their efforts and St James is a great church to be part of, with wonderful people and wonderful things happening today. It's always passed on. Future generations will stand on what we do today, not just in Church life, but in every area of life, Political, Cultural,...Environmental. Not just in big global issues, but also in our families, homes, relationships and friendships.

We all shape the future, in some way, in how we live and decide today. What kind of a future would we love to create for the next generation?

### **BIBLE VERSES:**

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- Romans 8:38-39