

## **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

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The names that unite us

At the Memorial Service, which we held last Sunday, we read the names of the departed, in memory, and in tribute.

I was struck how each individual name, loved and remembered by someone, appeared alongside another individual name, most of the time, known and loved by someone else, a total stranger. Although by coincidence, Jill's late father's name appeared next to my late mother's name! The names included the young and old, and from different heritages and back grounds, from different countries and continents. And yet, here, they were all together, side by side in death. And their loved ones, were all together in their remembering, in Church and on Zoom.

We are seeing a lot of division and hate in our world at the moment, and we are seeing some influential and other wannabe influential people, either through ignorance, or by deliberate fault, attempting to widen, and exploit those differences, and the results are either not helpful, or downright bad.

We are reminded, that when our lives are done, and the inevitable death happens to us all, it is something we all share in, we all go through the same door, no one is exempt, and really, the divisions and the hate and their proponents, are shown to be utterly futile. So why listen to them in life? If even death, which the Bible describes as our enemy, can bring us together, then imagine what Love, the very nature of God, can do?