

Thought for the Day – Monday 29th February 2024

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The Children's Society



In 1881, Edward Rudolf (Photo above), a young Sunday school teacher and civil servant in South London, saw the **effects of poverty on young children** and decided to do something about it.

When two young boys failed to turn up for his Sunday school, he went to look for them and was shocked to find them begging for food on the streets. Their father had died, leaving their mother struggling to bring up seven children under the age of 11.

Rudolf soon realised this was not a unique story and there were countless young people living in poverty. At that point, he decided to dedicate his life to improving the lives of children who had it toughest. This was the beginning of The Church of England Children's Society.

The rest of the story can be read [here](#)

It's amazing to think of what came about, by Rudolf's acting on what he saw. As we go about our day today, or tomorrow, what will we see and hear, that we can do something about?

BIBLE VERSES:

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

- Ephesians 2:10