Thought for the day – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022 by Revd J. Ohen.

True transformation.

We are all chosen people of God as we were all Baptised in Christ.

Christ chose his 12 disciples without any interview but having chosen them he continued to pray for them. Despite their weakness, failings, and mistakes, they were chosen to literally transform the world, so are we. Jesus didn't form any army, lead a rebellion, or spawn a revolution with those he has chosen, instead he transformed their hearts and minds, and this is our prayer, for us to be equally transformed.

In the same way we too have been chosen by Christ to transform the world. It is equally true that Bishops are successors to the apostles, and this line of succession can be traced back directly to these first apostles. They were then and now the pillars of the Church.

We all remain members of the body of Christ, and one part of the body cannot say to another that you are not needed. We all Need each other, bishops need priests, and the priests need bishops, equally priests need people, and people need priests. The most important thing is that we are all united in faith, through the body of Christ. It must be pointed out that our fathers in faith, the apostles, had to be transformed by the Holy Spirit. They gave eloquent and powerful witness to the Grace of God which raised them up and enabled them to become the pillars of the Church till the end of time. So let us remain strong in our faith with prayers as strong pillars of our church.

Bible passage Mark 3. 13 - 19

Prayer. Thank you, Lord, for all your apostles and all those who serve you. Help us to be bearers of Good News of the Gospel and to know you and make you known. Amen.