

**Thought for the day – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022**  
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**Growing seed.**

Our PCC has just agreed to make the front of the Church garden as a Rose garden. Soon all the plants and seeds planted will soon start to show up or shoot out.

This reminds us about the parable of the Growing Seed which is unique to Mark. Its theme is focused on the life within the seed. The point to note here is that it is the seed's inner life that causes it to grow, which is a mystery of nature. The seed grows by itself regardless of whether the farmer sleeps or gets up. If the farmer is asked to explain how this growth, off cures he couldn't tell, because the mystery of nature is beyond us all.

As in nature, so is the kingdom of God. The Word of God is the seed and has the power of its own. It's growth in our heart causes it to mature in faith. Equally if asked how the growth occurs he would not know where to begin. It is a mystery of the Grace of God. The truth is that by the Grace of Revelation we can touch the mystery of God. Through prayer the spirit wants to lead us deeper and deeper into this mystery.

The seed's growth is an image of the life of faith. The gift of faith is first poured into our hearts at Baptism, but in eternity the true glory of his Grace will be fully realised and we shall marvel at its growth. We are all called to grow this seed and cultivate the life of God living in our hearts. We must continue this fight to the end of time to realise the glory of God.

Prayer: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Bible passage: Mark 4: 26 - 34