

Thought for the Day – Thursday 13th January 2022

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Reading the Bible together.

It is very good to read the Bible together, whether in church, or in a meeting or at home. It can also be good in school – I have happy memories of Religious studies O level – not in a classroom but in our maths teacher's house. He took us through Patriarchs and Prophets in detail (and in his own time) and it has stuck with me.

In our Bible study we were reading the stories of Sarah and Hagar; and new insights came from listening to each other reading and explaining.

I knew that Sarah had laughed but not that Abraham laughed too.

As we listen to these stories they still resonate in the world today.

As we listen to different voices reading scripture we realise that all around the world people are reading the Bible, and coming closer to God, or God is closer to them and us.

As we read the Old Testament it is instructive to realise that Jesus was reading these stories too.

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”

Psalm 119 v 105