

Thought for the day – Thursday 31st March 2022

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That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season
- Psalm 1:3a

Walking outside this morning, I was surprised to see how much the grass had grown in our garden. I mean, I had walked out in the garden yesterday, and the day before! However it was more noticeable this morning. Its a lovely sign of spring. Of course spring flowers have been out for a while, and others are beginning to show. The bluebells appear to be poised to cover a side of our garden in purple - well at least a generous smattering. I am looking forward to the roses making an appearance later on. Our church garden also, has over the last couple of months or so taken a new lease of life.

These are the beginning of the fulfilment of what we knew would come, when the flowers faded away last year. As Autumn gave way to winter, we waited in hope and expectation of spring and summer and the return of new life. However, the going through autumn and winter was important. A chance for things to rest. Settle. To enjoy the garden when nothing much was happening. The Stillness. And for anticipation to build up. Makes the enjoyment even more when the new comes.

These are signs also of the new thing that God is doing in our world. In the church calendar, we are preparing to move into the depths of 'winter' the suffering (Passion) of Christ. It's an important journey for us to take with Him. But, with that, is the promise of 'Spring', new life!

What season would you use to describe how you are doing at this time?

May we find the presence of God, in whatever season we are in, and peace in the knowledge that He will be with us as we move into the next one.