

Thought for the day – Wednesday 5th May 2021

By Revd John Marshall

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Paula Gooder gives a wonderful example provided by her daughter – which she uses in her Epilogue.

“Not long ago, at dinner, one of my daughters asked a question that, in my view, puts into words somewhat beautifully the meaning of our risen existence. In the midst of the hurly burly of serving and eating dinner, she suddenly said ‘How does Jesus make us real?’ Then as my husband and I reached for an answer she continued, ‘Does he draw us first and then colour us in?’ This to me is a wonderful description of the resurrection life. First Jesus draws us, both in the sense of drawing us to him but also in the sense of re-creating and re-figuring us anew into a Christ-like existence, he then proceeds to colour us in. There we become more and more Christ-like, increasingly shaped by him until, in our resurrection bodies, the whole of our being is infused with the things of the Spirit and Christ’s resurrected life becomes not just a part, but the whole of who we are.”

- Paula Gooder This Risen Existence Canterbury Press

Our children and young people at St James are constantly teaching us spiritual things from their wisdom.