

Thought for the day – Wednesday 14th April 2021

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Zoom, has been a great benefit to us at St James as it has to many others, during this pandemic. We have been able to stay connected, to worship and pray together, and to share and get to know each other. Its not however, without its problems. Troubles with logging in, connection being disrupted, issues with multiple devices in the same household, not knowing if we have been heard, time lags meaning participants are hearing each other from a few seconds ago and so on, - all of these are part of the normal zoom experience! Its all to do with being connected.

Prayer can be a lot like that. We wonder if we really are connected to God. We wonder if God can hear us sometimes. Or if He does, does He accept our prayers? Are they good enough? Are we praying for the right thing? In a world of so much need and suffering, where so many more 'worthy' prayers are being prayed, where so many people are logging on to God, am I not being silly, or selfish asking for my, in comparison, trivial things?

Its all to do with connection. The key thing to remember is that, it is not us who connects to God, it is He who connects to us. Through the Holy Spirit. We have guaranteed access to this connection by Jesus death and resurrection. *We* might not always *feel* connected, but God **is** connected to us, and that is the source of our confidence in prayer. Unlike Zoom, God does not have a limit to how many people can log in to him! If something is important to you, it is important to Him. Far from getting tired by our prayers, Jesus positively encourages us to be persistent in prayer (Luke 18:1-8)

It would do us well sometimes, to be still and know this.