St James News: Thought for the day – Thursday 15th October 2020

Katie Piper - Rev John Marshall

Katie Piper is a new presenter on Songs of praise. An interview with her by Tessa Cunningham appeared in the Daily Mail on 1st October 2020.

"One thing viewers can't fault Katie on is her faith – she is a devout Christian and credits her belief with turning her life around."

She can to faith after her horrific injuries.

"While she was in hospital, lying immobile in agony, a nurse started talking to her about God.

"She was just doing it out of Christian kindness to comfort me."

"At that point, I really felt my life was over but I remember her telling me :"Things happen for a reason. This is not the end. God has great things in store for you." That night I prayed for the first time then the weirdest thing happened. The room seemed incredibly bright, and I felt I was being enveloped in a warm hug. A voice in my head said "Everything is going to be OK."

It is clear Katie believes she felt a divine presence.

"I didn't see God or angels, but I felt an incredible sense of being loved."

Katie's faith has obviously been a huge source of strength through her ongoing physical challenges."

"Katie's new role, she hopes will help convince viewers of the central truth of her life, that we can all get through the worst of times and thrive."

Katie's story of faith and courage is very moving.

We all have a story to tell of our faith.