

St James News: Thought for the day – Thursday 16 July, 2020

A Zoom Blessing – Martin Wroe

In the place where eye contact is impossible
The silent lexicon of non-verbal cues extinct
May this not be the crowd without the wisdom
Despite our isolation, our social distance

May we give thanks for this awkward digital blessing
May we be admitted, May we not be muted
may our distorted sound and scrambled words
finally align, May they catch up with our pixelated vision

May travelling this unfamiliar landscape,
neither lose us, nor completely exhaust us
and may our bandwidth always find room
for patience, gentleness and
the peace that bypasses misunderstanding

May every meeting open and close with a poem,
A joke or a steadying moment of silence
Some brief transfiguration in time, to remind us
of who we were, before all this,
and who we may be again

May our agenda always be kindness,
the waving hand, our ecstatic benediction
and may there never be any other business
forever and ever. Amen

Song: [The Hawai'i Blessing](#)

Bible Verses:

24““The Lord bless you
and keep you;

25 the Lord make his face shine on you

and be gracious to you;
²⁶ the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace.”
- Numbers 6:24-26

Prayer:

From the rising of the sun to its setting
we praise your name, O Lord;
may your promise to raise the poor from the dust
and turn the fortunes of the needy upside down
be fulfilled in our time also,
as it was in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Church of England