

St James Church: Thought for the Day – Thursday 30th April

Just in time!

- Revd John Marshall

I like lorries or trucks or wagons. When I was a child I played with Dinky toys and later Corgi toys. Across the road a friend used to take his trucks apart and put them back together; his dad was a haulier and his toys were authentic. My project at primary school was made easier when Leyland trucks sent me brochures and plans for hippos, octopuses and Albion Clydesdale trucks, among others.

Now I just look out for lorries when I travel, or walk to Sainsbury's. I am fascinated by the thought of what they are carrying. Often it is food related. And at the moment we are so grateful for the vital supplies carried by our truckers.

Years ago I used to hitch-hike and often I was grateful for the generosity of lorry drivers who would give me a lift. My longest was from Cambridgeshire to the Tyne Bridge in a Bedford truck.

Another ride in a very smelly wagon (carrying some cattle related product) reunited me with Maggie.

Thanksgiving to God can be triggered; I was so grateful when I saw the delivery lorry arriving at Sainsburys with an abundance of produce. We can give thanks for the gifts of creation and the fruits of human ingenuity. We can give thanks for those who deliver - just in time.

“You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.” Romans 5.6

Song: Thank you for saving me by Delirious!– you can listen to it here - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m95Z3I_c1Ts

Thank you for saving me, what can I say?
You are my everything, I will sing Your praise
You shed Your blood for me, what can I say?
You took my sin and shame, a sinner called by name

*Great is the Lord
Great is the Lord
For we know Your truth has set us free
You've set Your hope in me*

Mercy and grace are mine, forgiven is my sin
Jesus, my only hope, the Saviour of the world
"Great is the Lord" we cry, God let Your kingdom come
Your word has let me see, thank you for saving me