

## St James News: Thought for the day – Tuesday 28th July 2020

### Good News – Revd John Marshall

It has sometimes been hard to watch the news; but the other day there was truly good news. You probably remember the story, a little boy, Tony, inspired by Captain Tom, who has acquired new legs undertook to walk 10 kilometres for the Evelina Hospital, where he had had many operations. The ITV London news was there to see him receive a birthday cake from Batman, his surgeon was there and his adoptive family. His school friends sent messages of love, joy and encouragement, and creative suggestions as to what the hospital could do with the money.

He had raised the largest single donation for the Evelina and Tony was so positive.

In the same news they told of a young lady with Down's syndrome who has a successful modelling career and been on the front cover of Vogue and fronting campaigns for Gucci and Superdrug.

It was said of her, "Ellie is such a wonderful person inside and out – she lights up the room when she walks in and is such a professional."

Perhaps we should look out for good news stories and seek inspiration.

In Mark 16.15 "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation."

The angel said to the Shepherds "Do not be afraid, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."

Can we be good news?

**Hymn:** [We have a gospel to proclaim](#)

Some great hymns by the RSCM (Royal School of Church Music) centre can be found [here](#).

**Prayer:**

Jesus says, "Love" and I say, "Who?"  
Jesus says, "Give" and I say, "What?"  
Jesus says, "Follow" and I say, "Where?"

And Jesus says:

"Whoever."

"Whatever."

"Wherever."

Jesus, help me to respond to your call with everything that I am and everything that I have.

Let me hold nothing back in response to your great love for me. Amen.

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