

## January Reflection

Sometimes as you are trying to say something, your mind goes blank - maybe a sign of old age for me! Sometimes as you write a sermon you can get writers block. As I was trying to reflect and pray about what to write for this months reflection the same seemed to happen, until I realised that perhaps this blank space is what I should reflect upon.

In the first lockdown there were many of these spaces that existed in the questions we may have asked - "What is Coronavirus?"; "How dangerous is it?"; "How do I know it really exists?"; "Will life ever get back to normal?"; "Will Boris ever comb his hair?"

As we endure our third lockdown, a new set of questions appear for example, "How much longer till life is normal?" but the most significant one is, "Where is God in all of this?" It feels like there is a silent space on this question as no-one quite knows.

One of the most famous verses in the Bible is...

**Psalm 46:10** ... "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."



Often we focus on the encouragement of the first half of the verse, and that is a good thing to do as we are often so busy in our lives that stopping to rest with God, knowing that he is God, can be all too easy to neglect.

But the second part of the verse is also important. Whatever our situation God will be exalted. This means God will be lifted high and given glory. In the last days we will see this when Jesus returns to earth again, but before that, there are times when God is clearly exalted personally, as we see his hand on our lives. But, more importantly, we can exalt him by being his faithful witnesses. This means sharing those moments when we have known God with us, and sharing the hope we have through him, even amidst the tough questions of life that we have to face.

As we wait for the final unlocking of our nation, let us remind ourselves, and others, that even in the silence of unanswered questions, God is in control and mighty to save in all things.

### Prayer

Heavenly Father,

In my questions and doubts reveal your power.

Jesus, help me to find you in the business of life.

Holy Spirit, help me to share the hope of the Gospel.

Amen