

26th July Intro Psalm 37. 1-7
Stillness and Renewal

Good morning and a very warm welcome to St Swithin's. We're delighted you've joined us.

It was wonderful for some of us to meet again publically, by both sharing Communion and also meeting outside in the pop-upcafé in the garden. We'll be repeating both during the Summer, so do continue to take the opportunities in front of us and to meet up in gardens/parks during this summer season.

St Swithin's has a rich recent history in not being afraid to stop and be still before God, and in our busy world we need to have the courage to stop, listen..... and come into his Presence and Valerie is speaking about that later.

Because I wonder how you think God is going to get through to us? We know God's great love for us is not passive, but active and God continues to pursue us however young or old we are, God's love doesn't give up on us

And As we encounter our God of love, God makes us new, renews us by his Spirit. (cleans us up, restores us and gives us purpose and gifts and the power to live). So whether its spending time in scripture, praying, serving others needs, simply being still, singing your heart out, caring for the poor and destitute, reading theology, encouraging others.....As we worship God renews us

Let's pray

Heavenly Father, speak to us and meet with us today we pray, Renew us by your Spirit and open our eyes to how we receive the good gifts that you have for us. AMEN