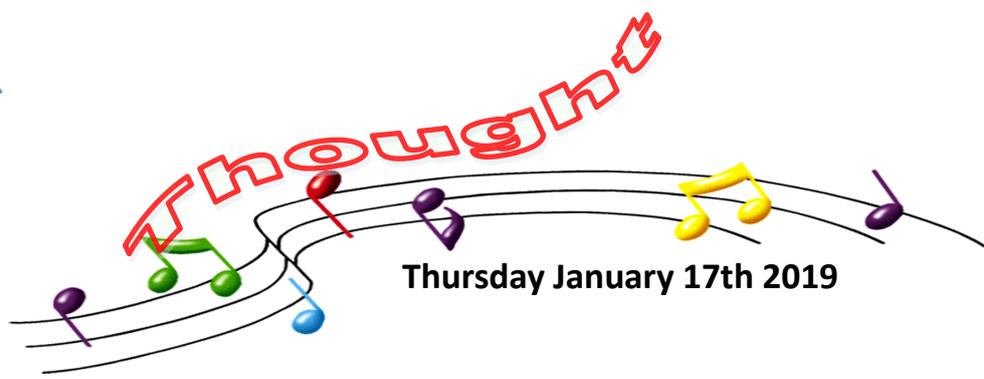


Thankful Thursday



MOSES & THE BURNING BUSH : EXODUS 3

This is another familiar story but what is less familiar is why Moses, who last week we left being brought up in a palace, is now herding sheep! The answer is Moses became quite powerful in Egypt but killed an Egyptian in defence of a Hebrew and had to flee. He then defended some girls at a well and as a result won a wife for himself! (Exodus 2 v11-22.) So God provided for Moses despite his sinful behaviour and in today's story God speaks to him with a new challenge.

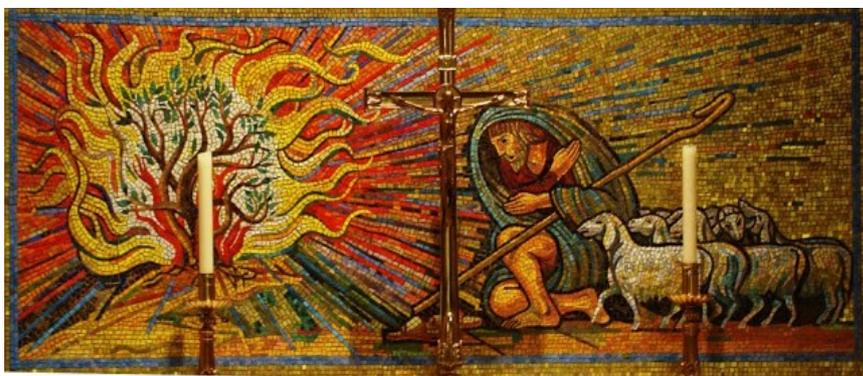
The joy of this for all of us is that even if we have been sinful and felt we have had to flee from our wrong doing - God can and will still provide for us and can still use us and will bother to speak to us. We are in God's eyes still worthy and still loved, however we feel about ourselves and our actions.

In the passage about the burning bush 2 things spoke to me. Firstly the description of the burning bush is "There an angel of the Lord appeared to Moses in flames coming out of a bush." v2. From this we learn that angels and messages from God come in different forms. God uses different ways to get our attention. What ways has his used to speak to you? Be alert for angel messages that come in many different forms.

Secondly God's request to Moses to remove his shoes and recognise he was standing on holy ground. V5. My challenge to you this week is to try this in your prayer life—prepare to speak to God and by taking off your shoes and remembering that wherever you are praying you are on holy ground won for you by the blood of Jesus Christ.

I have tried this at home in various places and it really adds a new dimension to praying—it is good to try a new way of praying—keeps it fresh and exciting.

Love & Prayers Claire xx



The angel of the lord appeared as
a burning bush. Exodus 3 v2