

Second Week of Advent

Tuesday 8 December 2020

Reflection 10 – Day 10

'Restore us again, God our Saviour' (Psalm 85:4 NIV)

Is it just me or has 2020 has felt like a year like no other? Covid has to a large extent re-defined our understanding of what normal living is. Our geographic reach has been significantly restricted as many of us have found ourselves living confined to our households. Land has felt like such a precious commodity, with Ealing's many parks an absolute God send.

In Psalm 85, the psalmist cries out to God to restore His people once more, to turn from His anger, to revive His people and to restore their fortunes once more. In many ways, this has been the cry of the Church in 2020. In truth, it has been the cry for much longer than that, regardless of Covid. The sad reality is that grace and truth has come, through the person of Jesus. God has answered the cries of His people. This is the hope we have. The question I think is, how can we share the good news of Jesus this Advent and Christmastime? And perhaps also, what do we need to turn from in order to truly turn back to God?

Lord God,

Today, we want to join in the prayer of the psalmist: 'Restore us again, God our Saviour'. Please revive this land, and forgive us for where we have wronged you, helping us to turn back to you. Please bless the Christmas services and lead people to place their trust in you.

In Jesus' name, Amen.