

### Reflection Wednesday Easter Week 4 – 2021

In John Jesus says, “I, the light, have come into the world, so that whoever believes in me need not stay in the dark anymore.” During the Easter season we keep the Easter candle alight to remind ourselves that Jesus is *the* light, is *our* light.

But, in what way is Jesus a light? Failing to understand how Jesus is a light, will make it difficult for us to be a light for others. The stories about the spread of the gospel in Acts helps us answer this question. The apostles and disciples told their listeners about Jesus: what he did, what he said and what happened. Unfortunately, we do not read what they told the people about their experiences of Jesus and how he changed their lives. How he challenged them, motivated them, revealed their weaknesses as well as their strengths. How Jesus was non-judgemental and affirming. How much Jesus trusted them! How much Jesus opened them to a real experience of God’s love for them; about sorrow and joy, success and failure. Nor do we read what Jesus showed them about friendship and loyalty; about the importance of trust and hope and about obedience. It was their experience, their love, their gratitude, the reassurance that Jesus was with them that helped their listeners accept Jesus as their light – These early witnesses shed light on the Good News because it shone out of their lives. In this way they were a light to the world. Jesus believes, knows, that we can be a light to the world whenever we share our experiences of Jesus.

Please don’t hide your light under a tub, we need the warmth of your love and your light, your inspiration and energy. An **Old English Prayer**

Take time to work, it is the price of success.

Take time to think, it is the source of power.

Take time to play, it is the secret of perpetual youth.

Take time to read, it is the fountain of wisdom.

Take time to be friendly, it is the road to happiness.

Take time to dream, it is hitching your wagon to a star.

Take time to look around, it is too short a day to be selfish.

Take time to laugh, it is the music of the soul.