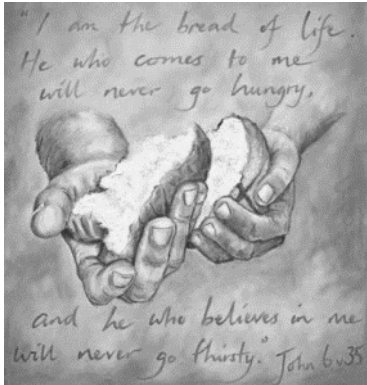


Thought for the Week



Love underlies it all! All was created in the Son of God's love. The eons will not cease to unfold until all shall respond and satisfy the longing of His heart. To display His love and create a response in the breasts of His creatures is the purpose of the eons. Does not this explain the pain, the sorrow, the despair, and the death

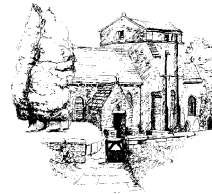
which seem to have blighted all His efforts? These are but the background, the contrast so essential for the revelation of their opposites. They are the bitter ingredients without which we cannot know the balm, the joy, the ecstasy, the ineffable delight which God has prepared for us.

Adam would never have known good if he had not eaten of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. We can never know grace unless we first experience sin.

In St Paul's letter to the Ephesians we see man at his worst and God at His best. There is the deepest degradation and the greatest grace. It is an epistle of superlatives.

The last becomes first, the lowest highest. The dregs of earth become the elect of heaven. We are His achievement, a special and permanent display to exhibit to an admiring universe the multifarious wisdom and the immense wealth of grace there is in Him.

A. E. KNOCH.



St Nicholas' Church, Studland

Welcome to St Nicholas this morning!
Thank you for joining us.

We hope you will enjoy our worship together,
and join us for coffee
in the Hall after the service.

Readings for this Sunday are:

10.00am Ephesians 6:10-20 and John 6:51-58

SUNDAY
12th August

10.00am Holy Communion

Collect:

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion:

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.