

## Weekly Reflection March 5

Our Service on March 5 will be at the Carman Hall at 9:30 when we will join in the World Day of Prayer Service. All are welcome.

Wednesday March 15 - Congregational meeting at 7pm at Smithfield. The meeting is to review and approve the Community of Faith Profile to search for a new Minister. THEN Official Board will occur AFTER the Congregational meeting (7:30 ish). If anyone is interested in joining the search committee (5 people) please let Nicole know.

### Jesus Transfiguration

*“There, he was extraordinarily transformed before them. His face became as radiant as the sun and his clothes were as though made of light.”*



With the Christian virtue of hope, time collapses. Into the present come the richness of the past and the glory of the future. We see this in the Transfiguration of Jesus. Moses and Elijah, the great figures of the biblical traditions of the Law and the Prophets, are with Jesus talking of his Passing. The Glory of the future Kingdom is revealed coming from the face of Jesus and flooding all present. And the reality of who Jesus is radiates from him and is confirmed by the Father's voice.

*What on earth does this all mean for us?* Is this just a nice Gospel story that had meaning for Jesus and little for us?

Let us consider our own lives at present. Each of us can look back and with some thought see patterns that have brought us to this moment. With some prayer we can come to see the times when God's grace has guided the, often crooked, lines of our life. What we have learnt from the past can enrich our lives here and now.

Let us consider our life as it moves into the future. We all have great desires for ourselves.

These two aspects of hope, past and future, feed into our present. We can allow the wisdom of our past and the desires for our future to transfigure the ordinary events of daily life. We can stand with Jesus and know ourselves to be beloved of God. While we may not have radiant light streaming from our face, we will have the light of God's love shining within us, giving us enough hope for at least the next step.