

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020

“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:38 – 39)

One of the enduring happy memories of my childhood was going walking with Father. Sometimes we would wander in the country lanes, sometimes through the woods, and my favourite place by the sea. This was a special time for sharing information and enjoying each other’s company. We would speak about what interested us perhaps picking wild flowers, berries, not forgetting the treasures of sea shells and pebbles shaped by the waves crashing on the shore.

My Father was always there to listen to me and the things that bothered me, perhaps difficulties in school work, a disagreement with a friend, worrying about a maths test. He would always listen, offering words of kindness or encouragement or with words of correction or discipline where needed but always showing understanding and love.

No matter what age we are we have a Heavenly Father who also loves when we spend time with Him and waits for us to come to Him.

We were created by God to be in a loving relationship with Him and we receive this through Jesus Our Lord and Saviour and His loving relationship with the Father.

“Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.” (John 14:21)

I often turn to Romans 8:38 -39 for reassurance and comfort. No matter what situation you may be in today, be encouraged and take heart you are a beloved Child of God.

Heavenly Father, You are our strong God, when life’s circumstances overwhelm us stand with us, stir our praise, give us your strength to overcome. Amen.