



Prayer for the Week

'JESUS - the name high over all, in hell, or earth, or sky!' (Charles Wesley)

On the end wall of Rosyth Methodist Church there is a mural, a picture of Jesus.

It was painted by David Seymour, a local artist, while the church building work was in progress. At that time, it prompted much media interest and many comments through the years. For me, it unnerves me to see that Jesus appears to be looking at me!

The mural depicts the Lord over Rosyth, the Forth and the Pentland hills, and is one of the main focal points for our worship.

It helps me just to wonder at it and to realise that Jesus is indeed Lord over all - and not just over Rosyth - but also places like Israel and Iran, Myanmar, China, Haiti, and so many other places where there is disease, war and unrest, where the media is more attentive today. It leads to a much broader picture and I see that His love and His grace know no bounds.

When I look at the mural, I soon realize that I am a part of the Christian story which began over 2,000 years ago.

Think about it - we all have a part to play. That love of God, and his Son, Jesus, is a gift freely offered to us all.

'O that the world might taste and see the riches of his grace!

The arms of love that compass me would all mankind embrace'.

BIBLE READING: John 3: v 16 and 17

For God so loved the world that he gave us his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life. For God sent not his Son into the world to be its judge, but to be its Saviour.

PRAYER

Lord God, our heavenly Father, we thank you for the precious gift to the world of your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us to follow in His ways, and to know that you have adopted us into your family, the Church, and made us your children. Help us to show our love and thanks to you by our care and concern for one another; use us to spread your love in all the world by the power of your Holy Spirit, to the honour of your Name. May our lives, as well as our worship, be always pleasing to you, for the glory of Jesus Christ, the Lord over all.

Amen