




The church doors may be closed.



But the House of God never closes.
‘To the one who knocks the door
will be opened.’

Matt 8:7

‘I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.’

Rev 3:8



And so
welcome.....

*“We who are wearied by the chances
and changes of this fleeting world may
rest upon your eternal changelessness.”*

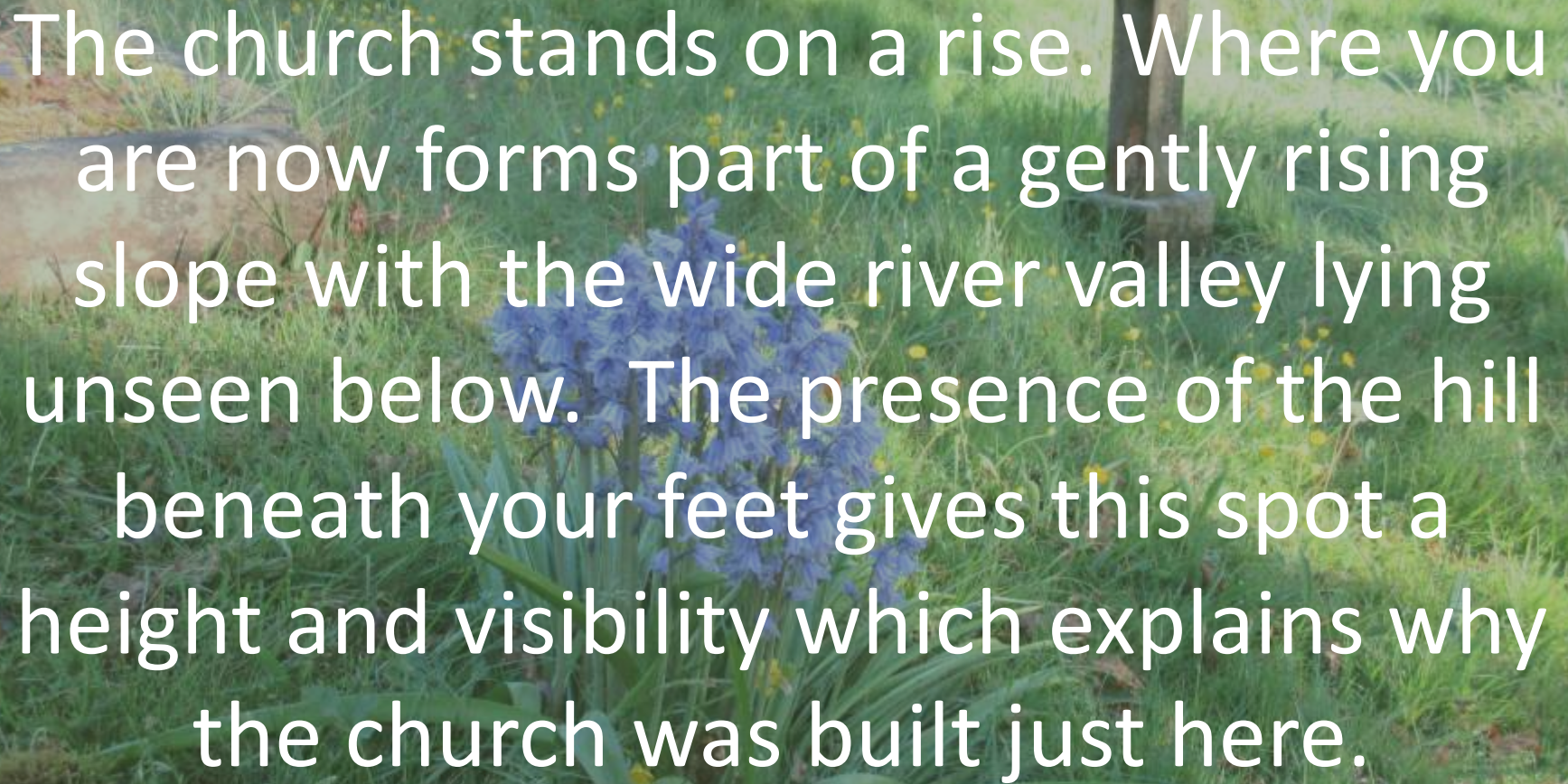


*You are invited to join in with a prayerful
exercise walk with God.*

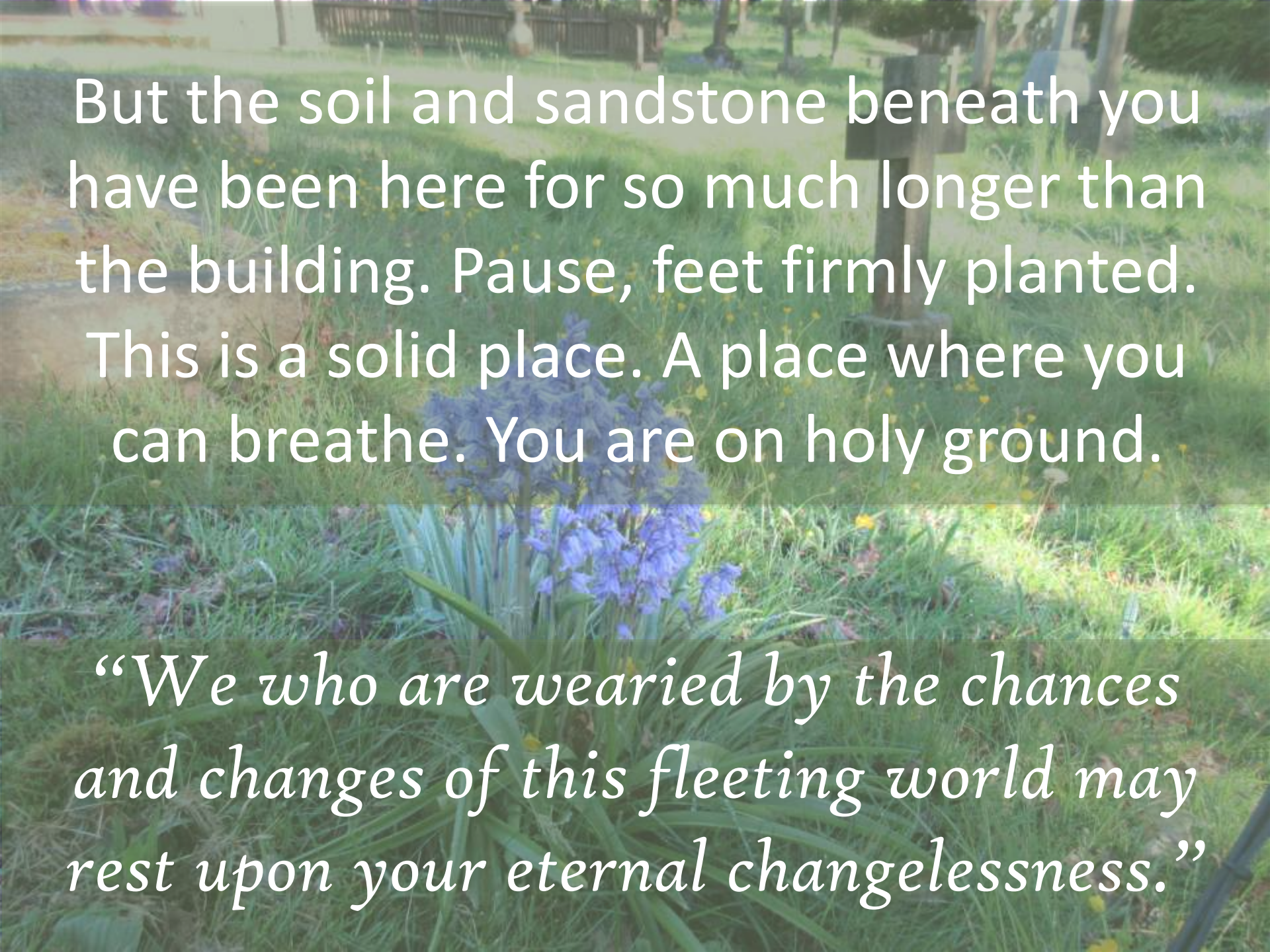
*Either come and walk physically around
these prayer pauses*

(please stay 2m away from others).

*Or use these familiar sights prayerfully
whilst staying safely at home.*

A photograph of a cemetery. In the foreground, a wooden cross stands on a grassy slope. To the left of the cross, there is a large, vibrant blue iris flower. The background shows a church building with a wooden fence and trees. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

The church stands on a rise. Where you are now forms part of a gently rising slope with the wide river valley lying unseen below. The presence of the hill beneath your feet gives this spot a height and visibility which explains why the church was built just here.

A photograph of a cemetery. In the foreground, a large, vibrant blue iris flower is in full bloom, surrounded by green foliage. In the background, a wooden cross stands on a grassy area. The scene is softly lit, suggesting a peaceful atmosphere.

But the soil and sandstone beneath you
have been here for so much longer than
the building. Pause, feet firmly planted.
This is a solid place. A place where you
can breathe. You are on holy ground.

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and changes of this fleeting world may
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Follow the steps up
to the church porch.

Take notice.

Pay attention.

Use all your God given senses.

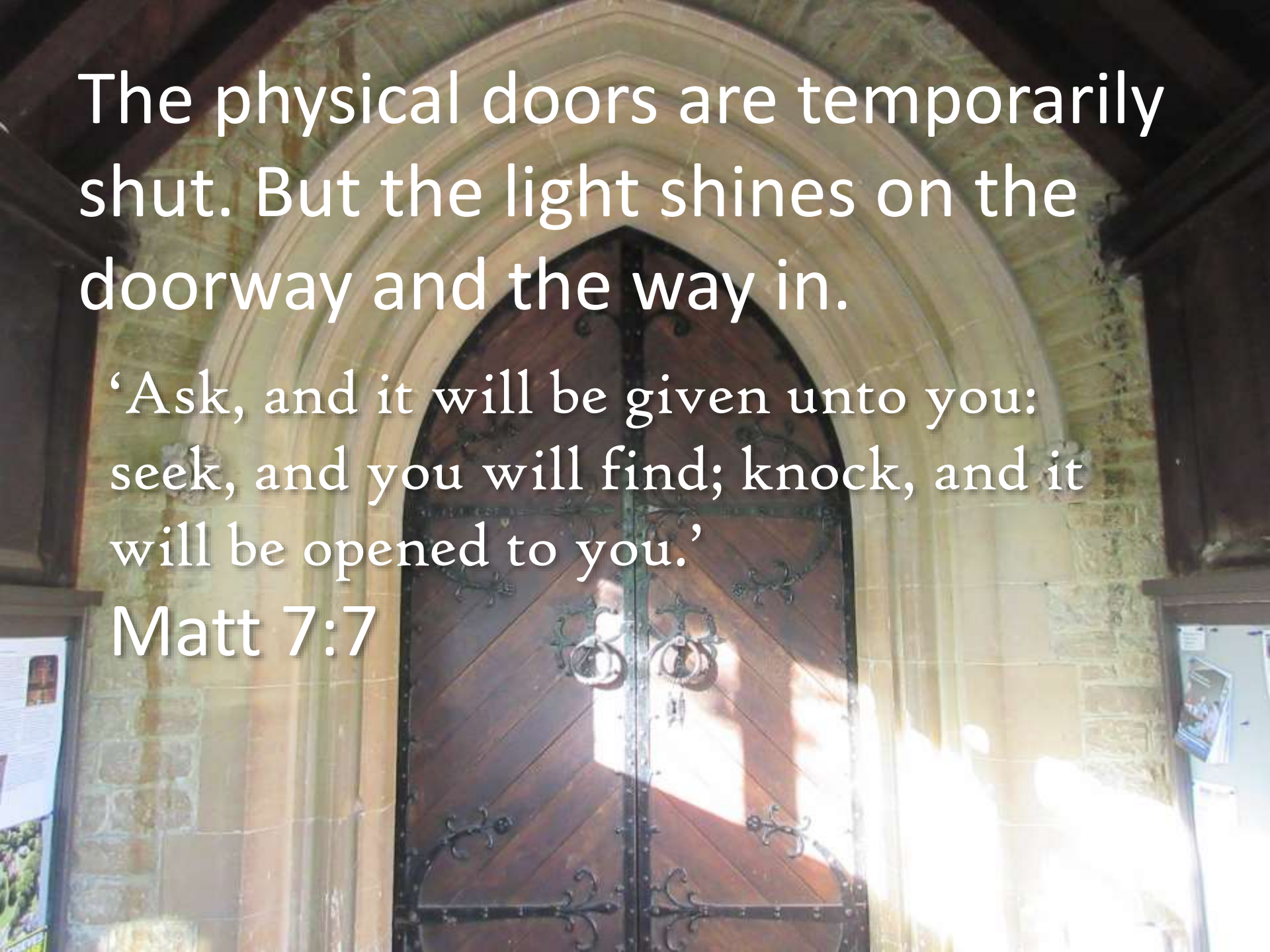


‘...casting all your
anxieties on Him
because He cares
for you.’

1 Peter 5:7

...but even the
hairs of your
head are all
numbered...’

Matt 10:30



The physical doors are temporarily shut. But the light shines on the doorway and the way in.

‘Ask, and it will be given unto you: seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.’

Matt 7:7



So pause and give thanks.

Look
upwards.

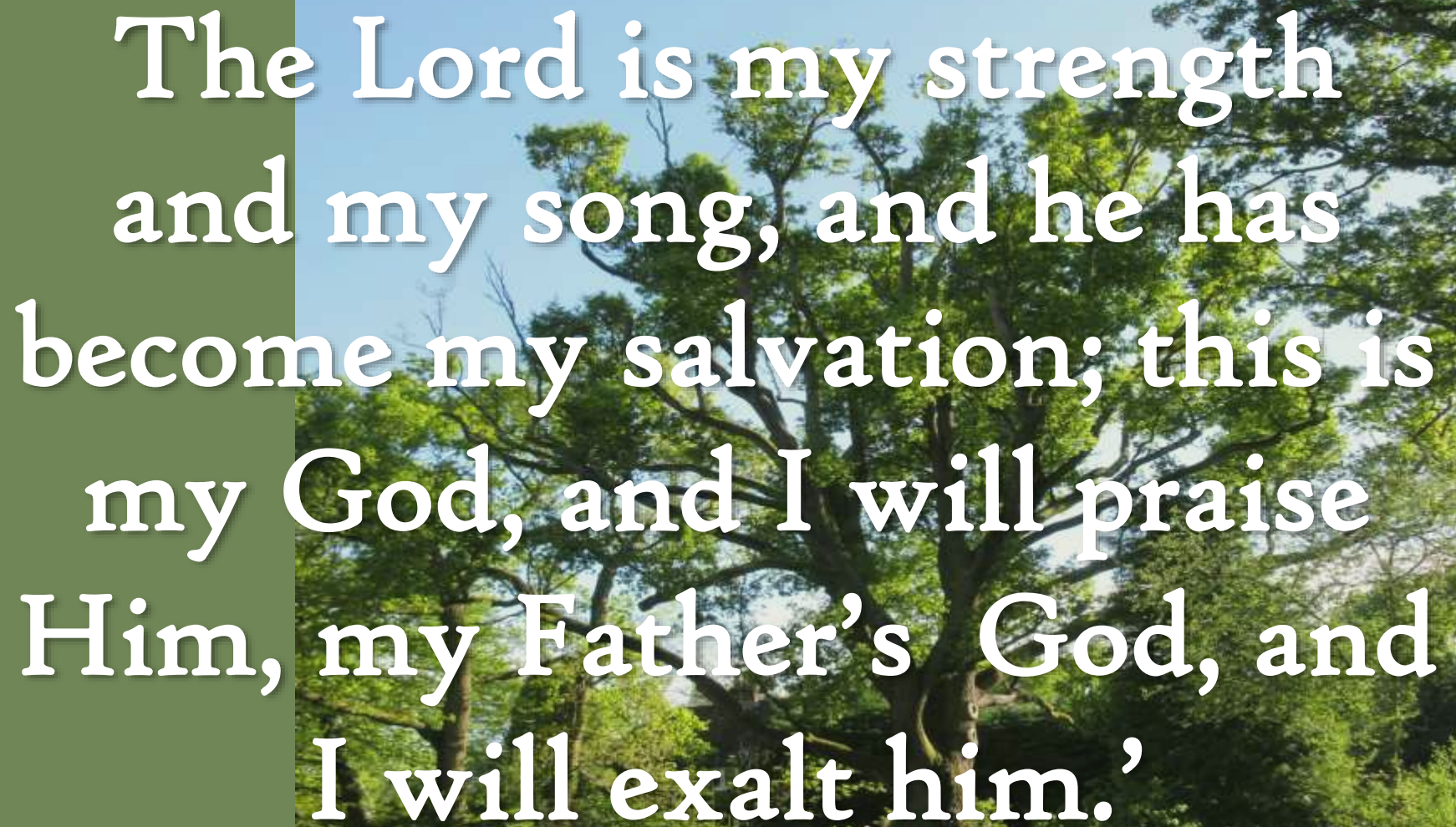
‘Be still and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!’

Psalm 46:10

Look outwards

Pause and give thanks for
all that blesses you.





The Lord is my strength
and my song, and he has
become my salvation; this is
my God, and I will praise
Him, my Father's God, and
I will exalt him.'

Exodus 15:2

Walk on down the pathway.

Walk slowly.

Keep listening.

Pay attention.



‘Look and ask for the ancient paths,
where the good ways are.

Walk in it and find
rest for your souls.’

Jeremiah 6:16

Pause to look up.

The light shines
through and will
reach you.

‘The light shines in
the darkness, and
the darkness will
not overcome it’
John 1:5





‘For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.’

Pause and pray for those who grieve, those who are sick and those who care for them.

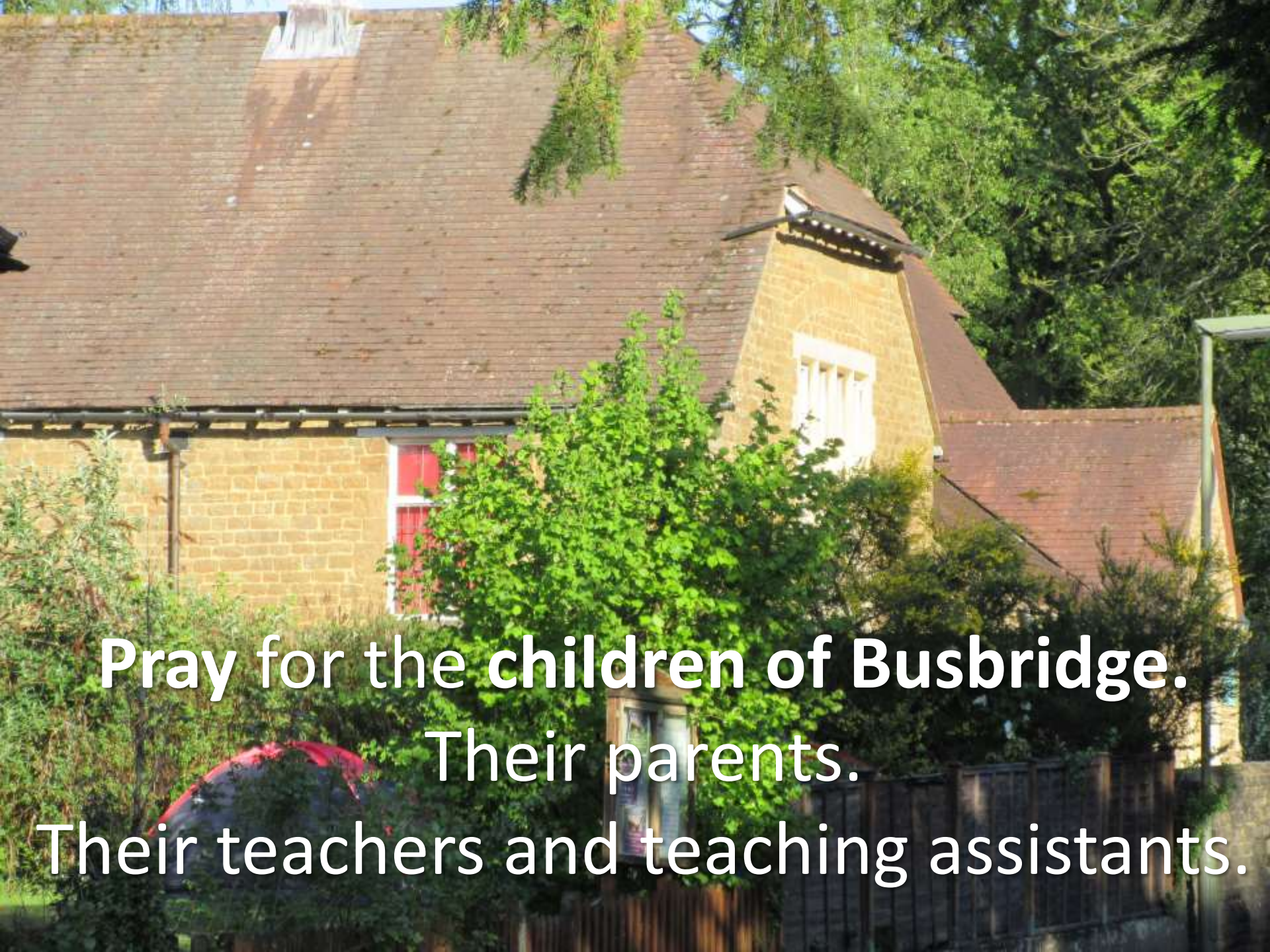
Walk on around the path
towards the crossing.

Keep listening.

Stop. Try to stop worrying.



‘Do not be anxious about tomorrow,
for tomorrow will be anxious for
itself.’ Matt 6:34’



Pray for the children of Busbridge.

Their parents.

Their teachers and teaching assistants.

Turn around to face the cross once again.

‘Rejoice in hope,
be patient in
tribulation,
be constant in
prayer.’
Romans 12:12





‘Trust in the Lord
with all your heart
and do not lean on
your own
understanding.

In all your ways,
He will make straight
your paths.’

Proverbs 3: 5-6

Pause to listen.

What guidance
might you seek?

What questions do
you bring?

Take the path back
towards the church.

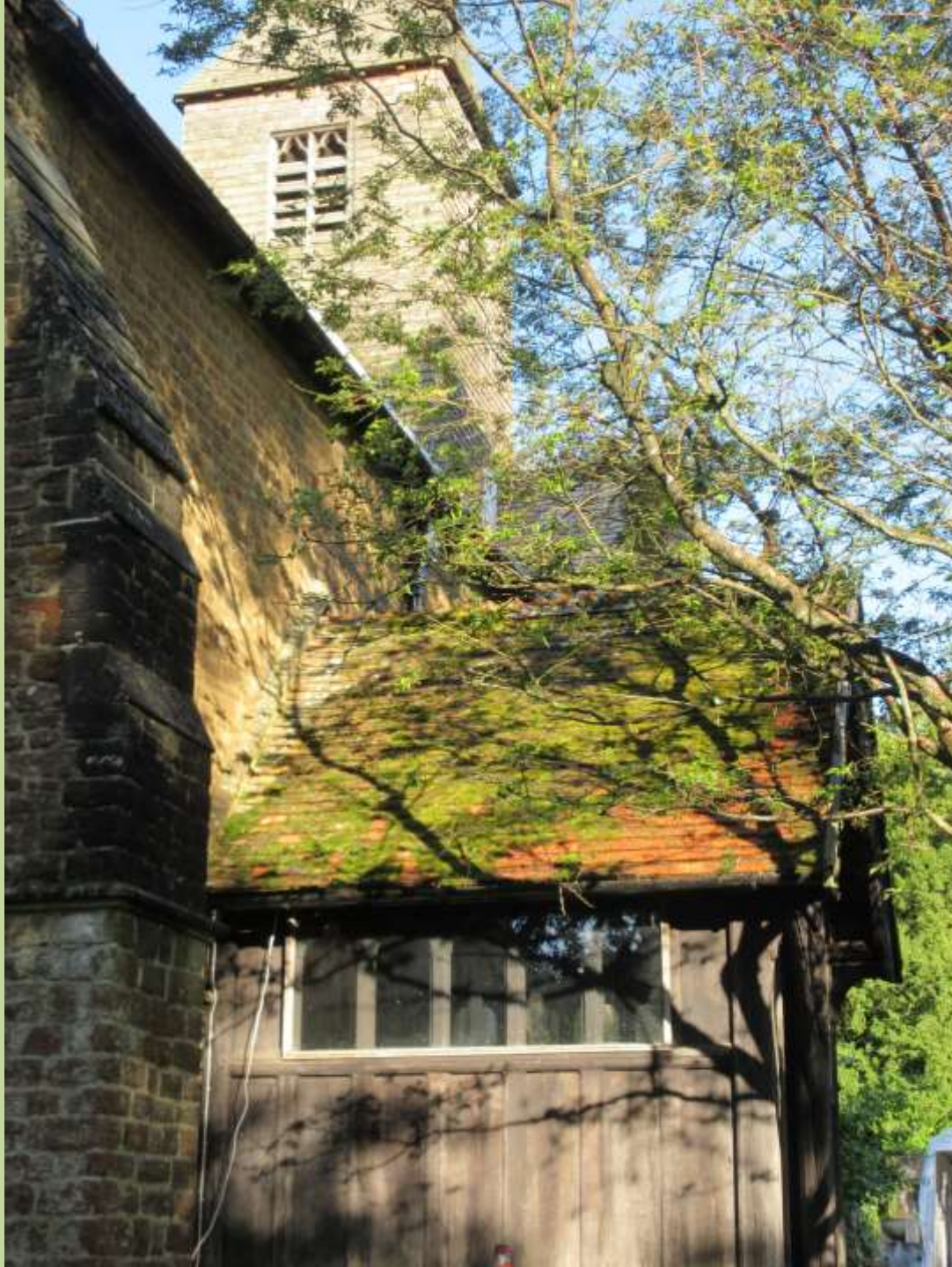
Listen and look.....



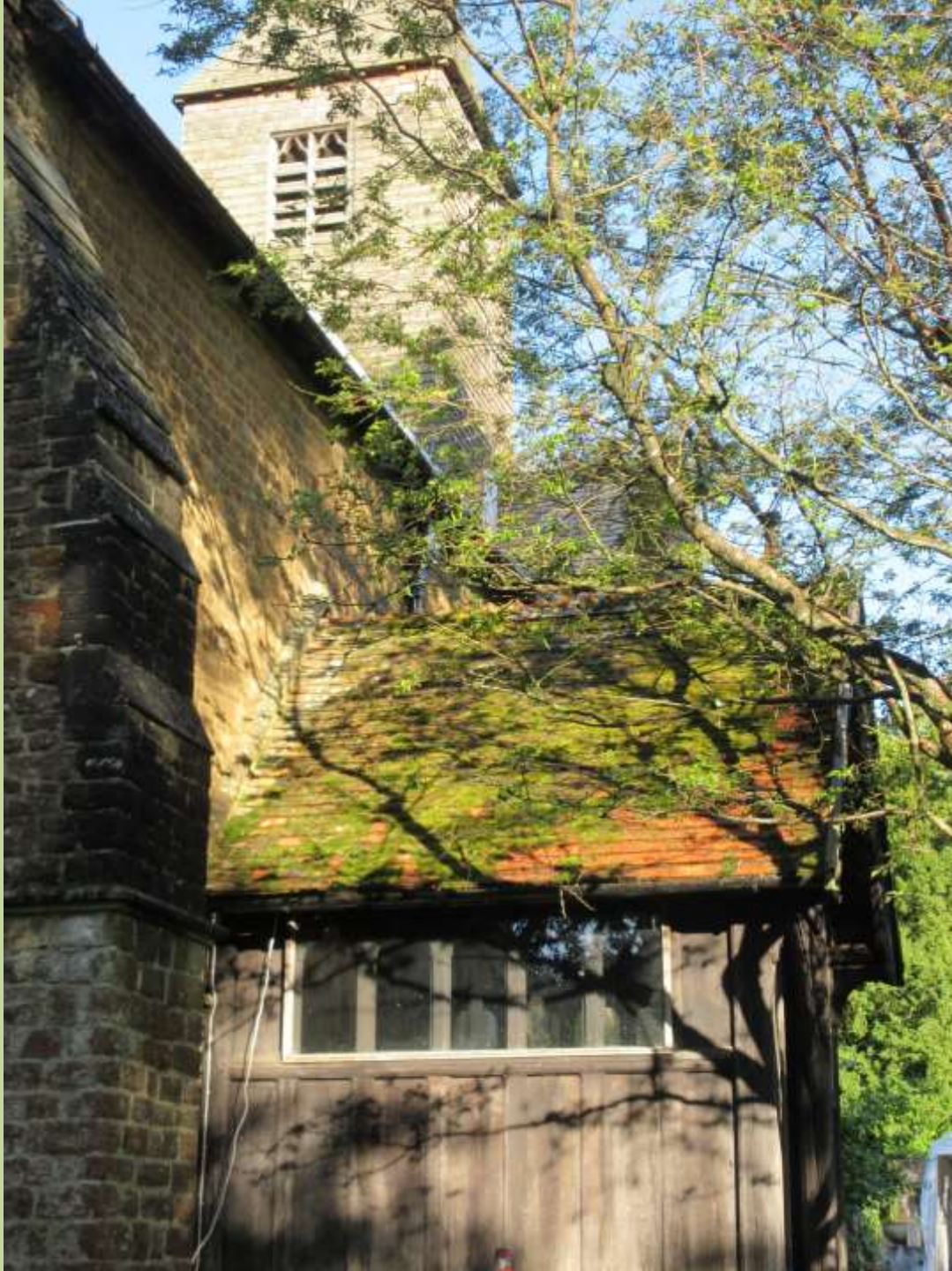
‘From whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.’
Ephesians 4: 16

Pause and give thanks for those working in this community to extend love and support to all our neighbours.

For the bonds of friendship that have been forged.



‘Each will be like
a hiding place
from the wind,
a shelter from
the storm....’
Isaiah 32:2



Pause to give
thanks for those
who offer you
shelter in the
storm.

Remember
those
who are lonely
or afraid.

Take the path past the porch.

Keep travelling on.

Pause.
If you were inside
the building you
would see the
colours in the glass.

But here you
can see the
fresh green
of new life.

Rejoice!





‘For now we see
in a mirror
dimly,
but then face to
face. Now I
know
in part, then I
shall know fully’

1 Cor 13:12

Look upwards again.




‘The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe.’

Proverbs 18:10

Pause and give thanks for those who have worked so hard to keep others safe and continue to do so, although tired out by the effort.

Walking on around the path,
through the marquee.....

A photograph of a modern church building with a large tree in the foreground and a semi-transparent text overlay. The church has a mix of brick and wood siding, a prominent white cross-shaped structure over the entrance, and several windows. The scene is set in a lush, green environment with sunlight filtering through the trees.

Pause and give thanks for all those working to keep the ministry of Busbridge Church running so that no one is left behind.

Keep travelling.

Pay attention.

‘And night will be no more. They will
need no lamp of sun,
for the Lord God will be their light...’

Rev 22:1



Return.

Go slowly.....

Look.



‘The light
shines in
the darkness
and the
darkness has
not overcome it.’

John 5:1

A wooden bench with a slatted back and seat is positioned on a stone-paved area in a garden. The bench is made of dark wood and has a small plaque on the backrest. In the background, there is a stone wall, green foliage, and a grey tarp on the left. The scene is lit with natural daylight, creating soft shadows.

Give thanks that a time to sit together
Again will come.

‘Therefore encourage one another and build
one another up just as you are doing.’
1 Thessalonians 5:11



Now go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Amen