

## Thought for the day.

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As the government announces that lockdown will continue for a while yet I was reflecting on how diminished my world had become. Working in the garden, giving the house a long overdue spring clean, a glimpse of others through Zoom and the occasional very welcome trip along the A5 to work define the limits of my physical world at present. So I was delighted to be sent a link to an interview Rachel was giving from Nepal ( on the UMN website). Although it was a blessing to hear her voice the news she brought of the difficulties of running a hospital in the face of a pandemic made salutary listening and a basis for prayer.

The internet has truly made us a global community and as we, and many other churches are discovering, our services and internet presence are being accessed by folk who have never walked through our doors and may not even be in the same locality. Acts 1 verse 8 says : “ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” I'm certain the first century Christians hearing those words never dreamed of a time when church services could be live streamed to the ‘ends of the earth’ , when our postings could be accessed by any and many or we could listen to one of our church members who lives thousands of miles away.

Here perhaps, in the face of so many difficulties that we face as individuals, as a community and country , is something to take to God in prayer. That we will know the reality of Acts 1 verse 8 in our lives, the power of the Holy Spirit working in and through us to reach out to others, and that our internet presence will be a witness to Jesus, to our faith in Him and to the work of the Holy Spirit in Bayston Hill, in the wider community and to the ends of the earth.

May our Loving Heavenly Father bless you today and always. Amen.

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