

Letter from the Minister

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Dear Friends,

In the gospel of Matthew chapter 22 v 42 Jesus asks some people ‘*What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?*’ The King James version of the bible translated this as “What think ye of Christ?” I can remember, many years ago when I was living near Liverpool, seeing this in a massive advertising hoarding put up by a church.

That question reverberates through the centuries and through the generations and it is a question that I faced when, aged 16, I became a Christian, and a question that continues to challenge me.

During my recent short visit to Ethiopia, I visited local church projects funded in part by donors to the charity “Compassion UK”. It was great to see how these community projects with local children and families was not only transforming lives outside the church but also the local church itself was being transformed, as it reached out in loving action and also received numerous people who were putting their faith in Jesus Christ.

Similarly, we have begun our special event “40 Stories of Hope”. If you have not been to one of our special Wednesday open meetings then why don’t you join us for the next one. Many of us have been reading the words of prisoners in the UK who have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. These people have, despite their circumstances and what they may have done in their lives, found that Jesus really is the Messiah, the Christ, the Son of the living God and he is mighty to save.

So what do you think of Christ, and when was the last time you found an appropriate moment to pose this question to the people you know. There is no better way for you and I to prepare for Easter than playing a part in leading people to Jesus Christ. Perhaps your own story of faith and the “40 Stories of Hope” that we are reading during Lent will inspire us to do just that!

With love to you all in Christ.

Eddie