

Letter from the Minister

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Dear Friends,

This month the magazine letter has been written by one of our Elders, Jan Thomas. Thank you Jan.

With best wishes for the month ahead.

Eddie

As many of you will know, I have become a grandparent for the first time this year, and am delighted to report that my second grandchild is due to arrive next spring. What an absolute joy and delight it is to be a Granny, as I have relished every cuddle, squeaked at every smile and marvelled at first words!

It reminded me of those amazing words in Psalm 139: *"You have searched me, LORD and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."*

God knows everything about us. He knows our thoughts even before we think them. He knows our actions from the time we rise in the morning until the moment we go to bed at night. Even when sleep reduces us to unconsciousness, His Holy Spirit is continuously watching over us.

God is everywhere around us, there is nowhere we can go that God is not there also. He is with us in the mountaintop experiences of life and He is with us in the valleys of despair. He is omnipresent – always everywhere.

God performed a miracle in creating us. We may struggle with the way we feel or how we look, and the way we feel may not feel like a 'miracle' at all, but we are! Sometimes we feel more like a mistake, but we are not. I remember the childhood saying, 'I know I'm special 'cause God didn't make no junk.'

Your life is no accident, and the purpose of your life was ordained even before you were born. Your heavenly father knows everything about you, is present everywhere around you, and performed a miracle when He made you. You are special and there is a unique plan already in place for your entire life. Praise and thank God every day that He **knows** and **loves** you!

Some words from Hillsongs:

"At The Cross"

Oh Lord You've searched me, You know my way.
Even when I fail You, I know You love me.
Your holy presence surrounding me In every season
I know You love me, I know You love me.

Jan Thomas