

Thought for the Month

January 2020

FOLLOW THE STAR

The dawn of a new year is the time to consider afresh the direction our life is taking and how best to enrich it with the abiding values of the Gospel. For many our course may entail nothing new. Like the Magi, we continue, with a few trusted companions, on a journey envisaged long ago.

Others, particularly younger members of our community, may be following a new star that has appeared in the firmament. But we all have one thing in common: as Christians we know that our star is sustained by the light of faith and hope in God.

A new star has arisen on my own horizon, taking me in a direction I never expected to travel. A series of tests during the last few weeks has led to the discovery of a small growth on my lung and I have accepted specialist advice that it should be removed in the near future. The surgery will be performed in the Birmingham Heartland Hospital but meanwhile, and during the recovery period, I shall be unable to function in my ministry role here in Longlevens.

Please be assured that because I am blessed with such good health, the prospects for a full and rapid recovery are genuinely excellent. You'll be glad to know also that Geoff will be well supported by his sons, Richard and David, other members of my family and our close friends.

But my star, that faith and hope in God, shines ever more brightly and I know that I shall not be alone in praying for his presence with me. I have already seen him at work in the men and women he sends to care for us at these times. Please pray for them too.

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