

I'm special because God has loved me,
For He gave the best thing
that He had to save me;
His own Son Jesus,
crucified to take the blame
For all the bad things I have done.
Thank You Jesus, thank You Lord,
For loving me so much.
I know I don't deserve anything.
Help me feel Your love right now,
To know deep in my heart
That I'm Your special friend.

Do you know that song?

It has become popular in recent years
because of what it is saying.....
we are special....each one of us are
special to God.

Many years ago God told the Old Testament
prophet Jeremiah to tell his people....

'...For I know I have plans for you, plans to
prosper you and not to harm you, plans to
give you a hope and a future.'

Then you will call upon me and come to me,
and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You
will seek me and find me with all your heart.
I will be found by you.

Jesus said:

'God so loved the world that he gave his one
and only Son, that whoever believes in him
shall not perish but have eternal life.'

John Chapter 3 verse 16

Someone said the Christian faith
is not so much a sprint
but a marathon.....

We can all make a good start in the
Christian race, full of hope as we look to the
finishing line but then it becomes a struggle
for us.

Some people fall away from the race,
maybe it wasn't for them in the first place
and they were persuaded by others to take
part. If you feel like that and wish to
withdraw please call or drop a note to the
Minister.

Most of us want to reach that finish line and
win the prize of the call of Jesus to heaven
and all we need is a little encouragement
and to see we are not on our own.

We have tried to encourage and show ways
in which we can help. Please do speak to
the Minister (01467 642219)

Remember no one in this race is perfect,
we all find it hard going. That is why we are
told to keep our eyes on Jesus Christ,
'the pioneer and perfecter of our lives'
(Hebrews)

Please let us know how we can help.

FINDING IT HARD GOING?



The aim of this leaflet is
to help us see there is
help if we are
struggling with our faith.

Each one of us will have
difficulties from
time to time and need
help.

Follow the links and see
what help is
available
to you.

The church is not a building,
the church is not a steeple.
The church is not a resting place,
the church is a people!
I am the church!
You are the church!
We are the church together!



When we became members of the Church we promised to be faithful in prayer, reading our Bible, meeting for worship and supporting the Church.

Few of us actually maintain this and from time to time we will struggle with them.

If you have difficulty in prayer we have a short leaflet designed to help you get back into the habit of prayer. Look at www.rejesus.co.uk.

If you have difficulty in reading your Bible regularly we have a number of easy to use Bible reading schemes that take just a few minutes each day.

If you have got out of the habit of coming to Church regularly we can ask someone to meet you bring you along and sit with you.

Don't be afraid to ask, some of us wish we had years ago, it would have made such a difference to our lives.

'I have fallen away from attending Church.'

It can happen to anyone of us. We used to take an active part in the life of the Church but we stopped when the children grew up or we moved away from our home Church.

Church at that time was important because it was about friendship and fellowship. Maybe you miss that and wish you could get back to where you were.

If you haven't been to Church for a while, you will find it has changed.

We offer two different types of Services

An informal—All Age Service with different styles of music and teaching.

A formal style or traditional style of worship with the organ leading praise.

If you want to hear the different styles of worship you can have a recording of either service to give you an idea.

The most important thing is that there is a warm welcome awaiting you and no pressure will be put on you.

'I think I have lost my Faith.'

If you have you won't be on your own. Sometimes people lose their faith because of something that has happened in their life and they can't understand why God allowed it to happen.

'I don't believe anymore.'

Being a Christian is not about having to believe a list of things but about a relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

'I feel the church has let me down.'

It sometimes happens, the Church does let us down because the Church is made up of imperfect human beings who are doing their best to follow Jesus example.

'I don't have time for God.'

There are so many pressures on our time with family, friends and work, specially if you are young parents. The way the life of the Church is organised it is possible to come along to groups and service as and when you can. There is no pressure to be there all the time. A few minutes with God each day in quiet is better than no time with him.

'I feel guilty'

If we never felt guilty letting God down there would be little hope for us. Guilt is God's way of saying I haven't forgotten you and would like you to come back to me.

There are a number of courses available to help members refresh their faith by getting back to the basics. A number of people have used them and have found their faith come alive again such as Alpha and The Way.