

Mothering Sunday by Sue Morgan - 14th March 2021

Matthew 3:16 – 4: 4

Today is Mothering Sunday – the day in the year when we give thanks for our mothers (and fathers too), and we ask God to give them a special blessing in the coming year. Years ago, on this day, young women who worked as servants in the big houses dotted around the countryside, would be given a rare day off so that they could go and visit their mothers at home in the villages where they had been brought up, and attend the Sunday service in their village church. As they walked home they would pick wild flowers from the verges and woods to make a posy for their mothers. Today we go to Tesco's and buy flowers or chocolates, and perhaps make breakfast in bed for our mothers to show how much we love them. It's no surprise then that this festival has come to be associated with LOVE!

John 3 v 16 is one of the most loved verses in the Bible...**FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON, SO THAT EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM MAY NOT PERISH BUT MAY HAVE ETERNAL LIFE. Notice that it says EVERYONE.** God deals with us on a 1:1 basis. He knows everyone's name! The Bible verse says what it means and means what it says. All it takes is one simple step of faith. We acknowledge that without God we cannot ever be the best person we were created to be. We turn back from our old self-sufficient ways and put ourselves into his care, and from that time onwards we are part of his family. We are loved and accepted as we are and we're on a new pathway through life which will ultimately end, in due course, in heaven with him. Read that Bible verse again and instead of the word EVERYONE substitute your own name.

If what I'm saying rings true in your heart, it would probably be helpful to speak to someone and share with them that you have taken this step of faith today, so that we can pray for you, and help you along this new pathway that you are now following. God's blessing be on you today.