

**May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.**

On your walk today,

- What old things and new things can you see?
- What makes something old?
- How would you define something that is new?
- Can something new also be old?

Read Matthew 13:51-52

⁵¹ “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” ⁵² And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

This piece of scripture follows a whole chapter in Matthew, of parables, some of which have explanations, others which are shorter, almost statements without a big story line. The parables that we find in Matthew 13, all seem to be themed around the idea of what the kingdom of heaven is like and now Jesus is asking the disciples whether they understand. In a way Jesus is calling his disciples, scribes- those who have been taught and thereby have themselves become teachers through their understanding. It is the disciples who must now teach what they have learnt. Jesus talks about the new and the old, possibly referring to the way people used to understand their relationship to God and now how through Jesus it has changed and developed.

- Are there things from your past that are particularly important to your faith?
- What would it be like to lose them?
- During times of change we find new or different ways of being, are there any new changes that you would like to keep?
- Can you think of examples of when new and old are able to work together?

Jesus gave to his disciples a new commandment, that we love one another as God has loved us. We are invited into a relationship with God, who is of the old and the new.

As you walk, think about the words of this old hymn- can you see anything new?

One more step along the
world I go, one more step
along the world I go ; from
the old things to the new
keep me travelling along with
you :
*and it's from the old I travel to
the new ; keep me travelling
along with you.*

Round the corners of the
world I turn, more and more
about the world I learn ; all
the new things that I see you'll
be looking at along with me :

As I travel through the bad
and good, keep me travelling
the way I should ; where I see
no way to go you'll be telling
me the way, I know :

Give me courage when the
world is rough, keep me loving
though the world is tough ;
leap and sing in all I do, keep
me travelling along with you :

You are older than the world
can be, you are younger than
the life in me ; ever old and
ever new, keep me travelling
along with you :

Activity:

Have a look around your house, do you have any old things that you could make into something new?

What sort of thing would you make?

- **Something pretty?**
- **Something useful?**
- **Something from your imagination?**

If you feel you are able, see if you can make it- I would love to see any creations- this is not a competition!