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Can it really be March already? The year seems to be galloping by and here we are in Lent – the forty days leading up to Easter which Christians use to reflect on their faith journey and try to build on their relationship with Jesus.

The Bible is full of stories of people who encounter God in extraordinary ways. One of the most amazing – in my opinion anyway - has to be Paul's conversion on the road to Damascus. Having been a persecutor of the early Christians, Paul's life was transformed when he met Jesus and was confronted by the true mystery of God (*Acts 9*). Paul went on to spread the gospel message across the Roman Empire, establishing many churches and taking Christianity to the Gentiles.

All of us are at a particular stage in our relationship with God - it might be that you have a close relationship, you might be at an early stage or you might just be considering 'dipping your toe in the water'. But as with any relationship it has to be worked at and there are things going on in our churches open to everyone which can help: a variety of weekly services across the benefice; a Bible study group; a Lent Course studying the Ten Commandments, and I am, of course, always happy to visit and talk about the Christian faith or pray with you – please get in touch if I can help. Details of all our services can be found in this magazine, as well as details of the study groups – you will be very welcome!

The Bible promises us that if we seek God then we will know his presence: 'Draw near to God and he will draw near to you.' (*James 4:8*) What a promise!

God Bless

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