

Doris' Doodles



Snow



As I write this first Doodles of 2021 I can look through my window and see everywhere covered in snow. It looks really lovely, just as it is on the Christmas cards. Speaking personally, I think that is the best place for it to stay!

I am reminded of one of the worst journeys I have ever made in about 1980 when I worked at Chadsmoor near Cannock. We had had lots of snow and I left home at 5.30 am in an endeavour to reach work by 9.00 am. The journey was awful as I hate driving in snow, but breathed a sigh of relief as I reached my destination at about 10.00 am. As I turned the last corner I could not believe my eyes at what was in front of me. The big double gates were closed and secured by a large chain and padlock. I sat there absolutely stunned. It had not occurred to me that the place might be closed and I had no alternative but to turn the car round and make my way back home. I think that if it happened to me today I would be cheeky enough to knock on someone's door and ask them to make me a cup of tea!



Back to the view. Lovely when being viewed from my nice warm living-room! Some folk are striding out as normal and some are taking tiny steps and are obviously very scared of falling over. One thing that I have seen several times this week, that I have not seen before, is Dads carrying light plastic sledges that look a bit like a bird bath, whilst the children are laughing and enjoying throwing snowballs at each other. We had a great heavy home-made wooden sledge that took quite a bit of pulling along ... and ... had to pull it along ourselves as parents did not normally go with us on such occasions!



I have just looked up about snowflakes on the internet and here are some of the things that it says:-

- * Each snowflake is a cluster of hundreds of ice crystals.
- * The colder the air, the more intricate will be the snowflake.
- * Always six sided structures.
- * No two snowflakes are alike.
- * Although appears to be white, it is actually clear. It appears to be white because the light is reflected on the ice crystal surfaces.
- * World record for the largest snowflake, USA 1887; allegedly measuring 15 inches across.

I could not help but think how like snowflakes we are. I suppose the thing that strikes me most is that each snowflake is different. Just as God has created each snowflake a different symmetrical pattern, so He has created each one of us as a unique person unlike anyone else in the world. That is mind-boggling isn't it? You would think that with all of the millions of people that there are, He would run out of shapes and faces! There are many things about God that are beyond our comprehension and this is certainly one of them. As individuals we are so important to Him that He has made sure none of us are duplicated.

What a thought! Added to this is the fact that He knows each one of us intricately. He knows exactly what we do, think and feel.



One of the main characteristics of our God is that He is a living God, not someone dead and lifeless. We may not be able to see Him in person but He is always available, always listening, always present and always there to help, strengthen, comfort or to be there whatever our need. No wonder He wants us to have a relationship with Him and to draw closer to Him; not for His benefit, but for ours.

I like the thought of the light changing the appearance of the snow. That is exactly what Jesus does for us. When He becomes part of our lives our basic shape and make-up remains the same, but we become different people because of the light of Jesus in our lives. Others should be able to tell that we are Christians by the way we behave and by what we say. That reflection is how we are meant to be; intricately made yet easy to be seen, uniquely made yet one with other Christians and lovingly made as people who are meant to love and care for others.

Maybe the snow is not so bad after all!

Relevant Bible Readings:

Psalms 139: 13 – 18 Created by God

Matthew 22: 34 – 39 Love God and love your neighbour

John 8: 12 Jesus the light of the world

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