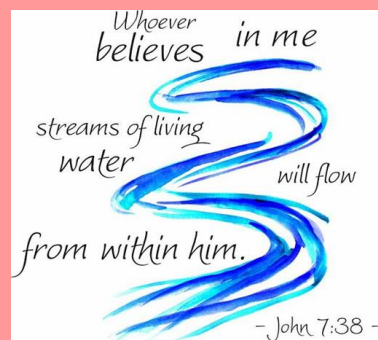


Worthing Deanery Prayer

The theme of this week 20th March 2017.

Living water



Reflection

On Sunday the story in John's Gospel recounts the occasion when Jesus was tired and sat down by a deep well to rest on his own having sent the disciples away to get food. He was in a Samaritan town. Jews and Samaritan did not even speak, avoided each other's towns and never ever associated with one another. A Samaritan women arrives at the well and Jesus asks her for a drink of water. She is shocked by his request and by the mere fact that he had even spoken to her. The barriers are removed and she tells Jesus that he has no bucket so how will he drink? "If only you knew what God is offering," says Jesus. He tells the women her life story and she then asks Jesus to give her some of the **living water** that will bring her eternal life-namely belief in him and the Gospel message of love. It is a very beautiful story and one of my favorite narratives from the Gospels. Perhaps we can make time this Lent to listen to those people to whom we would not normally listen. Remember to show gratitude on Mother's Day too.

Prayer

Lord, during this season of Lent, help us to focus and find a little time for you in prayer. Quench our thirst with the water of life as we ask the Holy Spirit to make us one in love and prayer. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

From the bible

"Anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again."

John 4: 14