

Chaplains Message- April '21

"What lays ahead?"

We all know what's behind us be it good or bad, it's how we use that knowledge that helps to shape our future. One thing of which we can be reasonably sure of is that things are getting better regarding the pandemic, with targets for the vaccination programme being bettered in dates and numbers and all thanks to the massive effort put in by our NHS services.

Philippians 3: 13-14 NKJV

13, Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,

14, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

What does lie ahead of us? Only God knows the answer to this, and it is up to us to follow him in faith, knowing that God is our light to the right path. In many respects we now enter uncharted territory. We know things will change, must change, it's the what and how that we have to think about. A picture worth thinking about is the image of a group of friends walking along a beach, they stop, and when you look behind there are many footprints, each with their own special memories. When you look ahead there is only empty sand, not a footprint to be seen. Is now the time to take those next steps forward, to take with us all of the good things, leaving the not so good behind? Could this be the opportunity to do a bit of reshaping if we're ready for it, be like the explorers who went before and found things new?

We certainly have a great opportunity ahead and the chance to do a bit of reshaping and with God's help we will surely do the right thing.

Romans 8: 24-25 NKJV

24, For we are saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees?

25, But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly await it with perseverance.

Till the next time Brethren,
Stay safe.