

Stanground Viewer July/August

Traveling Around

As some people's thoughts turn towards the summer holidays and possibly travelling around the world or the county more than usual, with hopefully sunny weather so that people can enjoy all the beautiful God created scenery. Many people take a lot of time planning their journeys, or at least asking an app to do the work for them. In days before apps, people used maps, timetables and/or travel agents to help them plan their journeys. I enjoy planning journeys on public transport and find it enjoyable looking at timetables for rail or bus transport.

Most of the time as we travel, things go to plan, but there are times when delays happen, plans have to change. We may get delayed on a car journey, due to traffic jams, accidents, or a long diversion. On public transport we could get delayed due to a train failure, a bus breaks down, a plane needing repairs or many other different reasons. Travel plans often need to change either through our own choice or outside influences. Sometimes our health makes us change plans or a family member becomes ill. It may also be due to a change of job.

You may be surprised to know that even in the bible there are times when journeys don't go as the person had planned. In the Old Testament, there is a person called Jonah, who was asked by God to go to a group of people in Ninevah and tell them that unless they changed their ways they would be destroyed. Jonah was very unimpressed with this job offer, so decided he would run away from God and go the other way. He got a boat, and while on the boat a storm arose, causing the boat to nearly sink. Jonah got thrown overboard and eventually had to listen to God and do as God instructed. All through the time Jonah was trying to escape from God, God was watching him and looking after him.

Our life is a journey, some of it is straight forward, some of it isn't so easy, but Christians hold onto the belief that with God at our side, we have an extra level of protection and help. God continues to watch over all people today. Wherever we go in the world God is caring for us all.

As you travel around this summer and the rest of the year, remember to thank God for the beauty that you see and for his protection during your safe travelling.

We would love to tell you more about God's protection and help that is freely available to you, please join us at Stanground Baptist Church on Sunday 10:15am. Please see our website for more details.

