

A reflection for June

June seems to have arrived very quickly, and with it the end of a school term and year, and (hopefully) another change of season. There is a strong sense of time passing, of movement, of change.

Are we comfortable with how quickly things move?

Can we keep up with the changes that the passing of time brings?

These are questions that apply to all life and lives, and also to the church. The institutional church, and what happens in our local church, can sometimes seem to be left behind by the fast-changing world. Generations change, habits change, needs change, beliefs change, styles change. Can the church change? (And, some still ask, should the church change?)

I believe God's church can change, and is invited to always grow and develop.

God leads us to change, as we are made new, healed and restored every day.

God leads us to move, as we follow Jesus as people of the Way.

God leads us to grow, as the Holy Spirit helps us reach out beyond our traditions and habits, to meet people where they are.

God invites to be people of God's Way – listening, following, learning and growing. Are we willing to take a small step on that Way, whatever change it brings, and wherever it leads?

Where will you start, today?