

A reflection for May

May sits at the boundary of spring and summer. Hopefully the winter weather is past (though this year, who knows what to expect!) Things are growing and changing. Some plants are really putting on greenery, flowers beginning to bloom, bees beginning to buzz. But other plants move more slowly, more cautiously, still mostly bare, still tentatively putting up shoots.

May reminds us that not everything grows, blooms, or flourishes at once and in the same way. And we notice that most at these boundary times, as seasons shift.

So it is with people. We don't all grow and flourish in the same way – our spirits are fed by different things, our souls lifted and our passions aroused by diverse means. Do you know what sorts of things feed your spirit? Have you stopped and noticed what gets you excited and passionate?

And we don't change and grow at the same pace. Some of us are impatient to get on with new things. Some of us are happy with how things are, and fear the change that comes upon us. That applies in life – and seems to be even more apparent in the church. Do you want change, do you seek development and growth? Or are you more cautious, wary of going beyond strong and stable roots?

As we come into a time of growth and flourishing in the world around us, why not take some time to reflect on your own growth and flourishing?

As we continue in a time of great change in church and society, why not take some time to reflect on how the church might grow and flourish? And share your thoughts with others.