

## Walking with God through Lent 2025

### 6. Walking towards our destiny!

I am not sure when the modern cult of ‘celebrity’ came to be. It has slowly developed over a number of decades. There was a time when being famous came about as a result of an outstanding achievement. It would seem that just getting your face on the TV, or gaining followings on social media (for good or bad) is more than enough now.

Thankfully our destiny, held in the heart of God, is much more nuanced. Our destiny lies in being the people we were created to be, made in the ‘image of God’. The greatest clue to what that phrase means was seen in the one who died and rose afresh. The humanity he showed is the potential we all possess. The capacity to love, to show compassion or to put another first. To display kindness without reward, to seek the healing of others and to desire the common good, to name a few of the finest of human qualities. Oh yes and there is self-sacrifice too, which has become so despised!

As we reach another Palm Sunday we hear a story of destiny! For Jesus the destiny he was born for approaches. For two of his friends (Peter and John?) they play out part of their destiny, as they organise his rousing entry into Jerusalem. And let’s not forget the young donkey who proudly carries the saviour through the gathered throng. A celebration to herald a tumultuous week that changed history, and beckoned eternity forever.

As we look back over these Lenten reflections were there things we were challenged to do, or say, or put right? Were there insights we have already forgotten and need to bring to mind? After all our destiny is not always to achieve great things, as some would have us believe. Most of the time it is just about taking the next step with God ‘in whom we live and breathe and have our being’ (Acts 17.28).

