



The greatest promise

Week 2: Wednesday



Reading

Isaiah 9.6-7

For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onwards and for evermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reflection

Jesus was promised. The arrival of the Son of God, who was there before the world was formed, was promised. Isn't that wonderful?

God saw us flailing, hurting each other and ourselves in a thousand different ways, and he offered a solution. A costly solution. He sent his Son, his very self into the world – to love us up close, and to save us.

Such a promise was made, and such a promise was kept. Jesus' arrival, his time on earth, his death and – ultimately – his resurrection, it's the greatest promise that has ever been fulfilled. And that makes it a source of great hope, because our faith is in the God who made, and kept, that promise. He's a God of his word, Jesus proves it.

Challenge

Why not take a moment to think back to other promises you've seen God keep - whether personally or in the pages of the Bible. Use those stories, those fulfilled promises, to fuel your hope today.



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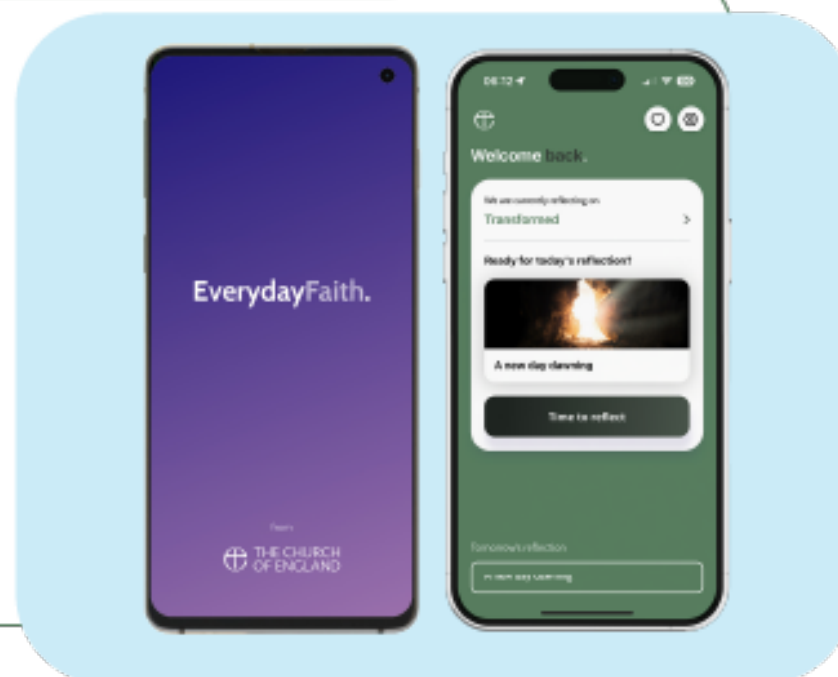
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