

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021

*“In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16*

In Matthew 5:14-15 Jesus said, *“Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.”*

Every time I read this passage the children’s hymn this little light of mine I’m going to let it shine, always comes into my mind because Jesus bids us shine with a pure clear light. Never have I forgotten these songs and the mental picture they conjure up in my head. Yet we know it can be difficult to shine brightly when surrounded by colleagues who have some or no belief in God. but really this is where one should try not to hide the inner light given to us as a gift from God. God is our light and we are required to let that light shine out into the darkness that is prevalent in our world today. The light we have inside us does not need to be a dazzling light so that it blinds the people around us but we do not need to not cover it up in fear of what others might think. The Holy Spirit’s power will help us to shine enough if we just give in and feel it working in us. Therefore, the light of our Lord Jesus Christ will then be seen through us. We are not ordered to shine we are just asked to LET the light of Christ be seen through us in our daily lives. Just as the song say you in your small corner and I in mine, maybe little corners but the light will be shining from each corner of the world so all will be able to see that through the light we have the love of Jesus in our hearts.

*Dear Lord, please grant us the courage to shine our light for all to see so that I might point others to you. In Jesus' name. Amen.*