

Good morning!

Haven't we had some wonderful weather this past week? I hope you have managed to enjoy it.

This weekend Sandy and I continued our Great Glen Walk Odyssey and returned to Loch Ness to walk the next section from Ochil Bridge to Invermoriston. It was beautiful. After the quiet of our previous visit it was good to see a few more visitors out and about enjoying the surroundings. It was also good to see that the ice-cream shop in Fort Augustus was open again, and we of course had to help them by buying one..or two! The only thing that marred our enjoyment of our hike was the dreaded midge. Everytime we stopped for a break or a bit of picnic we were surrounded by midges. We had used the appropriate deterrent liberally on our skin, so we weren't bitten, but we were still harassed by them swarming around us. I think the question of 'Why did you make midges?' is on my list of things to ask God when I finally see Him face to face! I thought about it a lot on our drive home, and came to realise that perhaps they are there, not only as part of the food chain, but to remind us that we are not quite as powerful as we sometimes imagine ourselves to be.

I attach the reflection for today. This also looks at a picnic, but a much larger gathering. One that in these current times would not be allowed. Thankfully, however, things are slowly easing and we are looking forward to the possibility of reopening our church buildings for worship, and hopefully numbers attending will be allowed to increase over the coming months. It will be different and challenging but a good step forward.

Have a good week. The sunflowers in the Reflection Space are nodding their heads in the sunshine, thank you for all who send photos. Please visit and enjoy the peace there.

Take care of each other, and remember God loves you!

Blessings

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