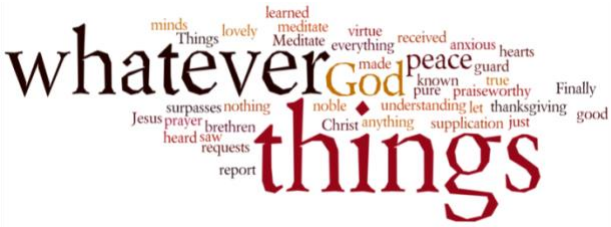

THINK ON THESE THINGS….. (our contributor this morning is Brian Eyles)

Reading: Philippians 2: 5 - 9

The attitude you should have is the one that Jesus Christ had:
He always had the nature of God, but he did not think that by force he should try to become equal with God. Instead of this, of his own free will he gave up all he had, and took the nature of a servant. He became like man and appeared in human likeness.
He was humble and walked the path of obedience all the way to death – his death on the cross.
For this reason God raised him to the highest place above and gave him the name that is greater than any other name.

The Christian virtue of humility is getting a boost during the Pandemic. When we clap hands on Thursday evenings we are humbled by the service and, in some cases, self sacrifice of NHS staff, carers, and even ordinary workers, like bin men, upon whom we are dependent.

Similarly I was humbled by the recent reminders of the Miracle of Dunkirk and the way the loss of many lives meant that over 300000 could be brought home to fight another day.
Let us also welcome less heroic expressions of humility. The roots of the very word come from humus, the soil. Our confinement has encouraged many to give more time to their gardens. People are reconnecting with our earth.

We are learning a new global humility, walking and cycling more, and, hopefully, curbing the damage to or eco-system. For many years we have been told how to stop global warming. The Christian virtue of humility begs each of us to treat our planet with more respect. We should not think to snatch at domination of our world, but sow seeds of patience, wisdom, and understanding.

Breath Prayer for today:
Teach us good Lord to have a thankful heart and an open mind so that the fruit of your Spirit may grow within us; the fruit of Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Humility, and Self Control.