Holy Cross Day

The Church will be celebrating 'Holy Cross Day' (or, more correctly, the Feast of the Holy Cross) on Sunday, September 14th - a day in which we are reminded and encouraged to acknowledge, and be thankful for, the sacrifice Jesus made for us all, on that very cross two millennia ago.

We often talk about God's creation of mankind 'in His own image' - not in the sense of our human form and likeness, but in the sense that He created us to be loving and kind to one another, as He is with us, and to share in all the resources that His world has to offer. The home that He has provided for us.

The book of Genesis talks about humankind's fall from grace, into a world of sinfulness and self-centredness - and not much has changed, has it? That's not to say it's beyond repair - but it can't happen - it won't happen - until Christians everywhere faithfully follow the path Jesus leads us along - the path of selfless living - the way of the Cross.

In the meantime, we have the symbol of the Cross of Christ as a reminder about the price that was paid **for the whole of mankind**, not just for us, by the only 'perfect' man who's ever existed. The empty cross and the empty tomb should bind us all "together-in-love", and "together-in-resolve" to make this truth known, in spite of what may be seen as an increasingly secular world.

Thought and Prayer for Holy Cross Day (The Collect): Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Philippians 2.6-8

"…. though he was in the form of God, he did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross."