

Westminster College

IMAGINE

The feast begun in shadow is now diffused with light; betrayal and denial are through your death put right. Now mighty resurrection invites us all to share, as guests around your table, forgiven, welcomed here!

John Campbell

(from a hymn based upon Lk. 22 & 24)

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... a regular reflection from me as I journey with you in this adventure that is our life together at Westminster.

NEIL

A very great company

Friday morning. Term time. We continue a touching tradition by remembering former students and staff of Westminster in prayers in the chapel. Ahead of the praying comes the sending to each we'll pray for of a letter from me (thanks to the excellent work of our Tutorial Office). It's a significant, diligent, task. But I know it's a staggeringly important part of appreciating a Westminster community that spans the world and reaches back through the decades.

Quite often, folk reply. Thus I have just opened a letter posted in Fife. John Geyer married Margaret in 1965 and they moved to Cheshunt College, Cambridge, where

John became a tutor. He carried on as Cheshunt merged with Westminster, leaving in 1969.

We offer a prayer and find ourselves being prayed for by John. We spend a moment in chapel letting his name echo again and he writes to us of the work he is doing, in his 80s, revising his book on aspects of Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel. And I am struck all over again by the company we keep as God's children; by the host of witnesses surrounding us.

Easter brings us the most decisive act of God that reshapes the world for ever. In Christ's dying and rising the very worst is undone by the power of God's goodness. Easter teaches us that even death cannot break the bonds that God is building;



cannot stop God's realm as it unfolds. We are part of a story that is simultaneously far greater than our little lives and yet so fully places each one of us at its heart.

John ends his letter: "My breath must soon return to Him who gave it, and so I pray that new life and growth may continue to attend that tree, Westminster College, planted by the waters."

You say it well, John. And to God be the glory. Amen.

Looking to the Future of the Cambridge Theological Federation

Many of you will know that the Federation is undergoing great change right now. It is a most wonderful and remarkable community of learning and relating; one of the most diverse contexts for theological education in the world.

The changes under way are all about improving how we can work together to enhance experience for students and for all who work within and across the CTF. Many people are busy behind the scenes, and especially with staff in Bounds House, shaping new structures,

administration and governance. Much detail will be agreed at the CTF's AGM on 8th May. Do please continue to hold all involved in your prayers as we continue the evolution of this amazing enterprise.

