

Our History

If we asked CS Lewis how to live in this time of Covid -19 I am sure he would reply "as our ancestors did in the plague and 1918 flu" (my mis-quote of his quote "Living in the Atomic Age")

In other words don't exaggerate the novelty. But I do want to think on individuals. How did they live in their troubled times?

Try to write down what you know of individuals in Ross and their reaction to the plague and the flu. There is probably not much to write. Our history is often remembered in the "big picture".

But that it not how Jesus works, to him creation is the total of individuals, known and loved.

Now look at the scriptures and their incredible detailed stories of named individuals coping with personal and national problems.

Look up Mary in Matt.26.6, Lydia in Acts 16.11, Deborah in Judges 4.1, Naomi in Ruth 1.1, Shimei in 2Sam 16.5

Some re-acting well, some badly.

Please try and find some other people who the bible remembers, even though their national records have written them out. I am sure there are much better examples than the ones I have listed.

"For now we see in a mirror, dimly,* but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known." 1 Cor. 13.12

Fear not, we are known and loved.