

A time for questioning

For this week's Band Devotions we are indebted to Roger Styles who suggested we include Geoffrey Nobes' 'Prelude on Lavenham'. The tune sets words by Nick Fawcett and the prelude was written in memory Bandmaster Derek Wilding of Lavenham Corps. The tune has also been used by Carl in one of his recent postings.

Roger has written: 'I do believe this particular arrangement and the words that go with it sums up where I and possibly many others are at this moment of time in their private devotional thinking. We find ourselves in a world where it's not an easy time or place. The future may be a strange place to live in but we can only pray that God will be with us all the way'.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Xl6nNxjpow>

The verses highlight some of the questions we may have, with the last verse saying 'Lord there are times when the questions run fast, times when I fear that my faith will not last. Help me, support me Lord, help me get through, Lead me through darkness till light shines anew'.

The following verses from Revelation 21 remind us of the assurances we have for the future:

A New Heaven and a New Earth

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away'.

May God give us comfort in the present and confidence in the future as we place ourselves in His hands.