

RAMBLINGS FROM THE RECTORY

This country has deep roots: A rich history. Recently, I visited the city of St. Albans. I looked around and felt as though I was being pulled into the deep waters of time. I soaked up the Roman Museum and then visited the Roman Amphitheatre. It was amazing to look down onto the stage where plays entertained the crowds almost two thousand years ago. I then marvelled at the modern Medieval Abbey.

We have the same deep roots, here in Norfolk; with Roman villas and towns, and the wonderful medieval city of Norwich. I love walking around the ruined Roman walls at Caister St. Edmund, imagining the sights, sounds and smells of the long gone town.

Looking at the marks of history I notice a pattern. I notice that what was built reflected what people believed and felt to be important.

I see churches dedicated to a power and hope greater than that of the builders. I see schools, church and secular, dedicated to learning and growing. I feel the Christian heritage of this country, and county.

I feel the effect of people trying to live Jesus' words, "I came so that everyone would have life, and have it in its fullest." (John 10.10) I hear, "I came so that everyone would have life, and have it in its fullest" and I wonder what we value today, and what our legacy might be...

God bless, Nigel