

FIVE ASH DOWN CHAPEL

This is my country...

Like millions of others I watched Danny Boyle's brilliant portrayal of our country in the Opening Ceremony of the Olympic Games. "This wonderful tapestry of our nation" to use George Alagiah's words... it was just that!



Yet, as I switched off the TV after watching the blend of history, music, humour and drama my overwhelming emotion was sadness. Let me explain.



Jesus began one of His messages by describing the truly happy people in the world - His genuine followers. As He concluded, He urged the crowds to take the road to life - because there is a road leading to destruction. "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."

My sense of sadness was that as I reflected on our land, I realised that today, as when Jesus was on earth, there are many on the road to destruction and few on the path to life.





The Lord Jesus still invites those on the broad road to repent and believe the good news that He came into the world to save sinners like me. It is a long time since I accepted that invitation and entrusted my life to Him. I have never had a moment's regret! We pray many more will find the small gate and narrow road that leads to life.

We do hope you will be able to join us for our Harvest Celebrations! Please come!

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