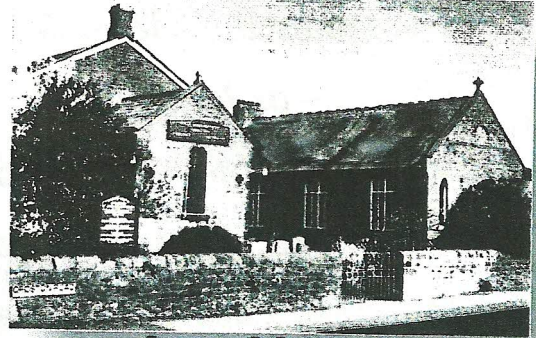




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Dear Friends,

My usual early morning routine is to listen to the news and the weather forecast on the radio. I am always amazed at how changeable the weather could be even on the same day- For instance, I am writing this on a May morning, and the weather summary given for the day is: *mostly dry and partly cloudy day, scattered showers or longer spells of rain in the..., a few bright spells in ..., and generally a cool day in all places.* The changeable nature of the weather, can mirror life's varying circumstances – a day could bring a mixture of sunshine and shower, cloud and brightness. Indeed circumstances may change, within a day, yet, God remains unchangeable. He is the one who can transform things, making the impossible, possible,

The above concept of God is illustrated in the story told of a classroom discussion about mammals, during which a little girl said to the teacher that: *Jonah was swallowed by a whale.* The teacher replied: *it is physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human, because even though it is a very large mammal its throat is very small.* The little girl insisted: *he was swallowed by a whale, because God did it. God made it happen.* The little girl's conversation with the teacher is in a way, her statement of belief in the God, in whose hands the impossible is made possible.

