

## Thought for the day 30<sup>th</sup> May 2020 from Robin Fishwick (All Hallows)

### Meeting the Miracle

Luke 9:1-17

I remember the late Rabbi Blue telling a story of a man who was constantly praying that he should win the lottery. Week in, week out, he is asking God the same thing, "Please God, let me win the lottery""Why can't you let me win the lottery?" Eventually God answers him back, "Come on, meet me halfway here, buy a ticket".

Today's New Testament reading tells of one of Jesus' most famous miracles, the miracle of the loaves and fishes and I want to look at how it is we can meet the miracle part way. And for the sake of variety here is a link to a song I wrote about that about 12 years ago:

<https://robinfishwick.bandcamp.com/track/waiting-for-the-green-man> .

I wrote the song after getting a real sense of the urgency of the problems besetting our world, particularly in relation to climate change and the environment. I remember Rowan Williams, who was Archbishop of Canterbury at the time, impressing upon fellow Christians that we can't carry on as "normal" expecting God to intervene and sort out the mess we have got ourselves into. So the song starts with watching someone waiting for the lights to change on a pedestrian crossing without having pushed the button - rather like the man who doesn't buy a lottery ticket but still prays he might win the lottery. The song alludes to four biblical miracles including the one in today's New Testament reading and the parting of the Red Sea which we had a few weeks ago. Neither of these miracles start from nothing.