

Monastery of St. Antony and St. Cuthbert.

The Brotherhood of the Glorious Apostles Peter and Paul.

From Fr. Philip:

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*Muntjac in the Monastery woods.*



Job 39:1

“Do you know the time when the wild mountain goats bear young? Or can you mark when the deer gives birth?”

There are muntjac and roe deer in the monastery grounds. They hide themselves away so that it is often only their tracks that one sees or a sudden glimpse as they dash for cover. Their day to day life is hidden quite from us. From time to time one hears their calls, or one sees some chewed twig or some droppings but apart from that their lives are shrouded and hidden.

Seeking God is like this also. A glimpse, a feeling, a moment of stillness or something happens that takes one’s breath away ... and then ... silence.

Job 38:4

“Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?”

God's purposes and presence are beyond us and despite spending hours in prayer each day it is rare for anyone to have anything but the tiniest true experience of God.

When Job experienced God he did said two things: (Ch 40 & 42)

*"I lay my hand over my mouth."*

*"And repent in dust and ashes."*

In silence and repentance, he came to know God. In a monastery that is what we try to do also.

Come and visit!

Your prayers – God bless you!

*Fr. Philip.*