

Notes from the Ministry District Priest, Yorke Peninsula

October 2023

Greetings

The Gospel isn't fair. I've said it before, and I'll say it again. One of the reasons I repeat this often is that I need to hear it myself.

We live in a culture that wants us to be very concerned that everyone gets what they deserve. That works, in our cultural message, for those who do good and for those who do evil. In our zero-sum world, it's important that we keep everything fair—and, again, make absolutely sure people get what's coming to them.

But Jesus has another way. In the economy of grace, there's always enough. It's never too late.

This Sunday's assigned Gospel reading from brings us the parable of the laborers in the vineyard from Matthew 20. In the story, someone hires day laborers and pays them all the same wage, whether they worked all day or just an hour. Outrageous, right! Unfair! But wait! The day laborers got paid for their work fairly. Why should they care if the landowner gives someone the same pay for an hour's work?

It's not too hard to see this same dynamic play out in our time. I've heard long-time, faithful church members complain about the "new people" who haven't earned their right to express opinions. (Yes, I've heard this from clergy AND lay people.) But Jesus' teaching reminds us that "new people" have the same claim on God's mercy and grace as long-time members who have put in their time.

Someone who finds their way into a life of faith has just as much a claim on God's love as the person who grew up in church and never missed a Sunday. Someone who has committed grave crimes and then repents is as beloved as the person who never had to face a judge and go into prison.

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District Diary

Sunday, 1 October 2023 Thursday, 12 October 2023 **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost** Friday, 13 October 2023 (OS 26)Saturday, 14 October 2023 9:30a District Service (Sta) Joining Ecumenical Service for 150 Sunday, 15 October 2023 year anniversary – at UCA. **Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost** Lunch at Festival at Oval (OS 28)Eucharist (MtR) 9a Monday, 2 October 2023 (Labour) Morning Prayer (Min) 9:30a Tuesday, 3 October 2023 Eucharist (Yor) 9:30a Wednesday, 4 October 2023 Eucharist (Sta) 11:15a Morning Office (Min) 9a Eucharist (CPt) **2**p 10:30a Midweek Eucharist (Min) 2:30p Eucharist (Ard) 10:30a Eucharist – The Village 4:30p Taizé (Min) (UCA) Thursday, 5 October 2023 Monday, 16 October 2023 Eucharist – South Park 9:45a 9:30a DC Eucharist (Gladstone) Prayer and Praise – Melaleuca 11a 10:15a Diocesan Council St Benedict's Council (Min) 7:30p Tuesday, 17 October 2023 Friday, 6 October 2023 Wednesday, 18 October 2023 10:30a Prayer & Praise - Dinham W Morning Office (Min) 9a Coffee and Craft (Min) **2**p 10:30a Midweek Eucharist (Min) Saturday, 7 October 2023 Thursday, 19 October 2023 Men's Breakfast 8a Friday, 20 October 2023 Sunday, 8 October 2023 10:30a Mission Support Team **Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost** Saturday, 21 October 2023 (OS 27) Edithburgh join UCA for 150 Sunday, 22 October 2023 9:30a Anniversary Celebration **Twenty-First Sunday after** year Pentecost (OS 29) (Edi) Eucharist (Min) Morning Prayer (Edi) 9:30a 9a Eucharist** (Min) Eucharist (Cur) 9:30a 9:30a Yorketown join Edithburgh or Warooka Yorketown join Edithburgh Eucharist (PVa) Morning Prayer (PVa) 11a 11a **Eucharist (PVt)** Eucharist (PVt) 11a 11a Eucharist (War) 11:15a Monday, 23 October 2023 7:30p Mission to Seafarers (Edi) Monday, 9 October 2023 Tuesday, 10 October 2023 Tuesday, 24 October 2023

Wednesday, 25 October 2023 Wednesday, 11 October 2023

SYP Vestry Meeting (Yor)

4pm

Morning Office (Min) Morning Office (Min) 9a 10:30a Midweek Eucharist (Min) 10:30a Midweek Eucharist (Min) Noon Soup Luncheon (Min) Mothers Union (Min) 2p

Thursday, 26 October 2023

10:30a Ecumenical (Edi) (Catholic)

Friday, 27 October 2023

Saturday, 28 October 2023

Sunday, 29 October 2023

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost (OS 30)

9a Ardrossan join UCA for 150 year

Anniversary Celebration (Ard)

9:30a Eucharist** (Min) 9:30a Eucharist (Yor)

Monday, 30 October 2023

Tuesday, 31 October 2023

Wednesday, 1 November 2023

9a Morning Office (Min)

10:30a Midweek Eucharist (Min)

10:30a Eucharist – The Village

Thursday, 2 November 2023

9:45a Eucharist – South Park

11a Prayer and Praise – Melaleuca

7:30p St Benedict's Council (Min)

Friday, 3 November 2023

10:30a Prayer & Praise - Dinham W

2p Coffee and Craft (Min)3:30p Ministry District Meeting

Saturday, 4 November 2023

Sunday, 5 November 2023

All Saints

9a Eucharist (Edi)

9:30a Rejoyce (Min) 11a Eucharist (Mai)

11:15a Eucharist (Sta)

All Souls

7p Evensong (Min)

Monday, 6 November 2023

Tuesday, 7 November 2023

Wednesday, 8 November 2023

9a Morning Office (Min)

10:30a Midweek Eucharist (Min)

2p Mothers Union (Min)

4pm SYP Vestry Meeting (Yor)

Thursday, 9 November 2023

Friday, 10 November 2023

10:30a Mission Support Team

Saturday, 11 November 2023

Sunday, 12 November 2023

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost (OS 32)

9a Morning Prayer (Edi)

9:30a Eucharist (Min) 9:30a Eucharist (Cur)

Yorketown join Edithburgh or Warooka

Eucharist (PVa)
Eucharist (PVt)
Eucharist (War)

Ministry District Executive

Congratulations to:

Chair: Robert Cook

Vice Chair: Greg Twelftree

Barbara Freidenfelds

Secretary: Tom Martin Treasurer: Cheryl Bates

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,

that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.

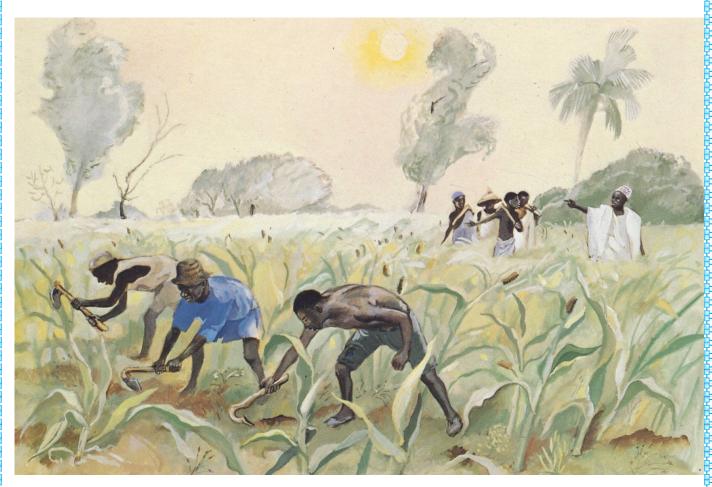
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. **Amen**

Archbishop Justin Welby Archbishop Stephen Cottrell None of us can rest on our laurels because of some entitlement that we were there first. It's never too late for God's grace and mercy. No one, and I mean no one, is beyond redemption.

It's shocking. Let's all bask in the shocking, extravagant love of God. And then perhaps we can be quick to share that love with someone who's yearning for a word of hope.

Andrew



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