

Mid-week Reflection for week commencing 27th June 2021

The Way of the Kingdom

Luke 13:10-17

This week's readings Luke 12:32 - 13:20 are separated with readings celebrating the apostles Peter and Thomas. Two very different personalities. Peter bold and quick to speak out and Thomas more reserved and cautious. Each of us will identify with one more than the other but no doubt have traits of both.

The conversation between Jesus and the Court official gives rise to strong words as to what is and is not permissible within 'the rules'. Jesus is critical of the way in which the official, in his condemnation of the long overdue liberation of the woman, reveals his inability to be open to the spirit of God and see God at work on the Sabbath.

During this time of Covid we have often debated what we can and can't do and been frustrated, even angry, at what some people have done. As restrictions are lifted and we have to make our own decisions and respect those made by others, I am sure there are times when 'Due to covid ...' has been an excuse rather than fact.

After such a long period of time when things have not happened, we have the opportunity to do things differently, we are not confined by the past but liberated for the future. In so many ways things we thought impossible have become the norm so let us not have regrets or excuses but recognise the freedom and opportunity to make all things new.

Let us pray

Generous God too often we ask for more when you have given sufficient for the moment. Shepherd of the flock we too easily grumble and do not follow, we make do yet you would lead us to the promised land.

Creator God we see the seed and not the tree. We ignore the yeast of the kingdom.

Lord, may we be alert and ready for your coming among us. Help us to hear what you are saying, to realise the resources at our disposal to enable us to minister to this present time.

Meditation

Which do you identify with, half full or empty, sometimes or always?

Looking back are there times when you have been embarrassed by your response to Jesus?

Looking ahead are you open to God helping you see familiar things differently?

