

A Message from Godfrey

On this Sunday before Lent we are treated in St Mark's gospel to the story about the Transfiguration. What did the chosen disciples expect as they tramped up the mountain? They were probably quite bemused by the whole experience and wondered what was going to happen. I don't suppose they expected to see the sight of two prophets standing in front of them especially those key figures Moses and Elijah. Nor did they expect to see Jesus revealed as the light with his clothes becoming dazzling white such as no one on earth could bleach them.

Peter suggests that he should build three dwellings or shelters one for Jesus one for Moses and one for Elijah probably in order to prolong the moment of wonder and awe. Then we are brought back to the baptism of Jesus where a voice from heaven is heard to say,

" This is my son, the beloved, listen to him".

Then as soon as it began it was all over. Moses and Elijah had gone and the disciples were left just with Jesus. But as they come down from the Mount and Jesus knowing that this event will only make real sense after the resurrection warns the disciples not to say anything about it. This will not be the end of their, or our, encounter with the fullness of Christ.

This coming week sees the beginning of Lent with this Wednesday being Ash Wednesday. This year it is all going to be very different. I am hoping very shortly to tell you what we're going to be doing for Lent. We are not able to have discussion groups but we will be following the diocesan suggestion and I will pass on to you the necessary links for you to follow what the diocese has to offer.

My daily messages will reflect a different theme each week for us to follow for our thoughts and prayers. I hope that you will find these helpful and that they will help you to have a more meaningful Lent or as meaningful as it can be under the circumstances.

The Transfiguration is about awe and wonder. I hope that your experience this Lent will be holy and full of awe and wonder.

Thoughts and prayers

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