

Holy Trinity Church Newsletter

Harvest 2018

‘A real conversation’

A well-known national insurance company invites its customers in one of its advertisements to contact them to have ‘a real conversation’ about their insurance needs. The implication is that some conversations are not real. Perhaps they imply that sometimes we are not wholly honest or transparent in what we say. Maybe they are suggesting that sometimes we just stay on the surface of things, superficial if you like, and don’t dig deeper into what is truly important. In the end it could mean all of this and none, in truth it might just be a clever advertising ploy.

Nevertheless, I would like to take up that particular company’s slogan and use it to invite you, yes you who are reading this, to meet with me to have ‘a real conversation.’ The topic this time is not house insurance but your spiritual journey. It is an invitation to share openly and honestly about your journey of faith. An opportunity to discover what God is doing in your life and how you are being led into a deeper understanding of how you may respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in your daily living. It is a chance to explore your prayer life, the joys and difficulties experienced, and how you could discover ways of enriching and deepening your spiritual journey.

What I am speaking about here is what is traditionally called Spiritual Direction. At its heart this involves allowing someone to accompany you on your spiritual journey. It is not pastoral counselling, it is not therapy, it is not someone giving you the answers. It is simply allowing someone to walk with you, to listen, and to help you to discover what God is doing in your life.

To do this, though, requires that ‘a real conversation’ takes place. That is, a conversation that is characterised by openness, honesty, and a willingness to be ‘real’ before God in the presence of another person. This is a journey which countless Christians have made in the past and

which countless others continue to make today. If you would like to embark on such a journey then all you have to do is contact me and we can take it from there. In terms of time commitment normally those in Direction would meet about once a month for around an hour. It should go without saying that all Direction is undertaken within strict rules of confidentiality.

If you feel that this invitation is one that you would like to take up I suggest that you sit with it prayerfully for a while then, when the time feels right, contact me in whatever way suits you best.

Yours

Rev Kenneth (Priest- in-Charge)

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Rev. Ken and Bishop Andrew at the Dedication of our Community Prayer Garden.



Maintenance of the planters

The new planters have been a lovely splash of colour at the front of the church for the last few weeks.

Would you like to be part of their ongoing life? If so I would like to suggest that we set up a mini-fund rather like we used to have for the flowers in order to be able to refurbish the planters throughout the year.

I am willing to coordinate this but would be delighted if a group of folk would like to be involved in the replanting and maintenance. It would be nice if we could also grow some of our own. Perhaps this is a good time to think about the opportunities to use the talents and skills we have in the congregation to Keep the Garden Beautiful in whatever we are able.

If you are interested please speak to me.

Fiona Buchan



Harvest Service

The Harvest Service will be held on Sunday 30th September at 10.30am.

Please bring non-perishable food, in tins and packets, in aid of St Salvador's Food Cupboard. They give a bag of food to anyone who is in need each Sunday afternoon.

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