

Reflection Tuesday Week 12 – 2020

Having heard the story of Hezekiah and Sennacherib, don't you wish all impossible or insurmountable problems could be dealt with that easily? The challenge from the gospel about taking the path less travelled leaves us with a choice. Although the easy and wide path may look to be the easier choice, think again. The wider and apparently easier path is swamped with choices, offering paths this way and that. It opens up lots of different opportunities. Yet the way ahead is very unclear and, at the end of the day, you will feel frustrated and annoyed, not sure where you are going or why. The benefit of the narrow door is that it is a clear choice and the road on the other side, however hard, is very clear even if more challenging. Like any difficult trek, the longer you stick to the task, the tougher, more resilient and fitter you become. Eventually, you not only come to appreciate it for the discoveries you make but even relish what you might encounter in the future. A good example of this is St Etheldreda whose feast it is today. She chose the path of austerity and chastity. Despite having married into royalty, she founded a monastery of men and women on the site of what is now Ely cathedral, and inspired many in the 7th century. She was admired and revered as someone of great faith and loyalty to God. She has the honour of being one of the most venerated women saints of Anglo-Saxon England (d 679). She certainly made the right choice and, if you ask her, she will help you make the right choice too.

A clever bunny story . . .

A rabbit went into a bar and said "A pint of bitter please." The barman said "We do not serve rabbits here. So, the rabbit left. The next day he returned. "A pint of bitter please." Bartender: "I told you, we do not serve rabbits and, if you come in here again, I will nail your paws to this bar." The next day the rabbit returned. "Have you any nails." He asked. "No!" said the barman. "Good," said the rabbit "Then I'll have a pint of bitter!!!"