

## Reflection Tuesday Easter Week 3 - 2021

Stephen did not know the influence his death had on Saul but there is reason to believe that it added to the underlying question Saul faced about faith and the truth of the Christian message about the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. An ongoing question for all of us is how much do we influence others in the choices they make? The answer will only be answered fully when we reach Heaven. Saul, like those who put him to death, was certainly not influenced by words and logic but by Stephen's willingness to face death and his ability to forgive his executioners, like Jesus. This story invites us to live the values of the Gospel: caring for the sick, the homeless and the marginalised. To be more radical in showing care for creation: by not wasting energy or any of our utilities, by recycling where we can, reusing where possible, encouraging plant growth etc. This may be very little in comparison to the emergency we face but, when millions do it together, it does. The Bread that Jesus so generously gives us will give us the energy, the fire and the commitment to be ever more generous in offering our lives in service of others, for the common good and the healing of the world.

### **A prayer for Earth Day 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021**

God of rain and sun, of land and sea: we praise you for the most generous gifts of life.  
In the crunch of leaves underfoot in autumn, in the smallest bulb which bursts through the soil in spring: on these days, our offering of praise comes easily.  
In the trying moments, when the shivering cold bites in winter, when the scorching sun burns in the summer, grant we pray that we may still offer you praise for your goodness.  
Let our praise and thanksgiving be unceasing. Let them move us to action.  
God of all, grant us the courage and strength to engage in the necessary hard work of change for our home, for our sisters and brothers and for your names' sake. AMEN.

**I just love the way the earth rotates** - It really makes my day

**My flat earther friend decided to walk to the end of the earth, to prove it was flat...** In the end, he came around.