

## Reflection Tuesday Easter Week 4 – 2021

We are called to listen and hear the voice of the Good Shepherd. The Greeks in Antioch certainly listened and responded to the voice of Jesus and became his followers.

When and where do we hear the voice of Jesus?? Very early in the mornings just before sun-up, the voice of God can be heard in the bird song that is so vibrant and joyful. The song calls us to life, proclaiming the beauty and possibility of the day that lies ahead. Recently the sun has also responded to this song of life, adding warmth and colour to the unfolding day; and all this before rolling or (better) jumping out of bed!!!!

The real challenge is whether we stick to our plans and fit the day into them or be ready to respond to the day Jesus offers us and adjust our plans to it, something which is unpredictable, not always convenient, or easy. The difficulty of the people in the Gospel is that they wanted to fit Jesus into their image of the Christ, the Messiah, rather than be open to the real Messiah, Jesus Christ, who so unselfishly offered himself to them. It is too easy to read the gospel and see the foolishness of those people and yet be doing the same thing ourselves by listening but not hearing the voice of Jesus. The challenge then is not to fit the day into your programme but be open to the day Jesus offers, which will most probably include your programme but offer so much more. (adapted from Ruth Haley Barton)

*We believe we know where to find you;  
needing little guidance along the way,  
except perseverance and common sense;  
why do you hide yourself away from the powerful  
and join refugees and outcasts,  
calling us to follow you there? Wise God, give us wisdom.*

*Where else would we expect to find you  
but in the ordinary places with friends, family and strangers,  
turning the world to your purpose through them?  
Bring us to that place, to that true rejoicing,  
which will make wisdom, justice, and righteousness alive in us.*

**What's the difference between illegal and unlawful?**

Unlawful is the act of breaking the law. Illegal is a sick bird.

**What do you call a bird that sticks to trees?**

**Vel - crow.**

**What do you call a bird who never remembers song lyrics?**

**A hummingbird!!**