

Reflection Tuesday Week 29 – 2023

There is a story about a church congregation that was singing heartily and joyfully “O come, O come Emmanuel” when the sacristan comes running to the pastor and whispers in his ear, “He did come and he’s waiting in the sacristy. He wants to see everyone personally.” The pastor is the first one to enter the sacristy and sure enough there was the Lord himself. He asks the pastor only one question. “Are you really serious about the hymn you are singing?” The pastor doesn’t dare answer the question and nor does anyone else in the congregation when their turn comes. Yet, once back in the church, they all continue singing “O come, O come!”

No wonder then that Jesus calls urgently for action and an alertness and awareness to recognise when God is calling us to act throughout the day. It may be in a smile or a welcome, it may be words of support or sympathy. It might be a helping hand.

Teach me, Lord,
what I don't know.
Show me which way
and where to go.
Alone I stumble,
alone I fall,
but your gentle voice
leads through it all.
Take my hand,
light my way,
be my beacon
night and day.
I am weak
and sometimes so low,
but you give me strength
and make me whole.
Teach me, Lord and Father.
Your child has become like new.
Empty me of myself
so I can live for you. (Heather Flood.)

Bee on the Alert!!! It seems that 60,000 Giant bees were recently stolen from a farm in Pennsylvania.

The Police now have a huge sting operation on their hands.