

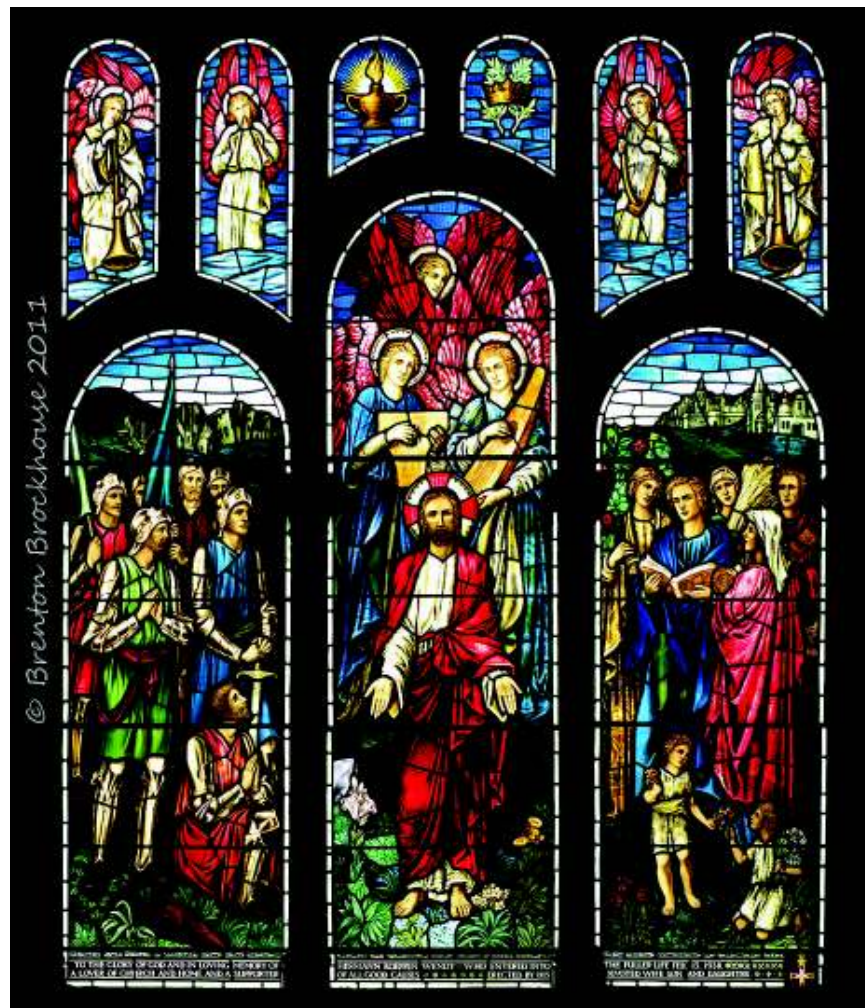


ALL SOULS' PARISH NEWS

Sunday 20th & 27th October 2024

8am & 9.30am services

Wednesday services 23rd & 30th Oct at 10.00am



Parish Prayers Jill, Julie, Carol, Judith and Caroline, Nola and Brenton, Malcolm and Mary, Colin, Tony and Margie, Mark, Fiona, Jac, Keith.

Diary Dates:

- 3 November 2024 All Souls' Patronal Festival
9.30 am Service. St Theodores' to be invited.
- 6th November Windows Tour (small group)
- 24 November 2024 Archbishops' visit, "Christ the King"
8am service and Brass Ensemble in attendance at 9.30am
- December 2024 Advent and Christmas Services to be advised

continuation:

SALT AND LIGHT A FEW THOUGHTS FROM A THEOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC PERSPECTIVE: GEOFF CHADWICKⁱ

LIGHT

Light has always fascinated human beings. Even to this day it's character and nature is not fully understood. Of course, Jesus is using a well understood metaphor of the day. Light referred to "the gaining of wisdom" ("enlightenment"), "truth", the "dispeller of evil"; and in its most dazzling form, the presence of God *shekhinah*.

Again, when Jesus is saying "*You are the light of the world*" he is talking about character. He's talking about being wise, being truthful, shunning evil, and reflecting God's glory. It's a challenge, because he knows only too well how easy it is for people to live in darkness.

Curiously, both salt and light are effective in minuscule. Too much salt, and a dish is ruined. Too much light, and a person is dazzled! A little bit of light is all you need to shine in the darkness. Soldiers are told not to "*light up a smoke at night*" because an enemy can see you from about 3km away!

Again, Jesus' words, as proclaimed to the fledgling early church, are about perseverance. "You may be small in number, but the impact is greater than you think. Be faithful, hold on to wisdom, maintain truth, and resist evil. Whilst you may not know it, it is being seen."

And so, that message still holds true for us today.

Just as with salt, modern science has things to say about light that the people of Jesus' day would never had known.

In 1924 when Edwin Hubble traced the trajectory and speed of the stars, he discovered that they all originated from one point of origin at the same time. We now know that to be about 13.7 billion years ago. Since then we have realised that the origin of everything in the universe began at this point in what is now called the “big bang”. Though totally incomprehensible, it is thought that energy (including light), time, and matter all came into existence at this event. Strangely, it is not possible to ask what happened before the “big bang” because time did not exist then. The big bang is when time, energy, mass and light began. So, according to science, light is a fundamental property of the universe which cannot be derived from anything else. Light is light and how mysterious it is! At times it behaves as if it was made up of little bundles of energy called photons. At other times it behaves like a wave of electromagnetic energy. In Jesus’ day the origin of colours was not understood; we now know it is due to differing frequencies of these electromagnetic waves.

What’s also fascinating, is that the Hebrew poets who wrote the first Creation story in Genesis placed light at the origin of all things-even before the creation of the Sun. Somehow, they knew its fundamental nature!

We also know that heat and light are closely associated with each other because hot objects usually shine brightly. There is also such a thing as “cool light” where light is made without heat. Fireflies are masters at it!

Having said this, a link between Jesus’ saying and the scientific view is that of fundamental character. Just as physical light is a fundamental property of the universe, enlightenment is a fundamental property of Christian Character. This character can be seen from “miles off” and it is not without effect. Others “may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

That’s a challenge!

Salt and light- both are effective in small measure! So let us not underestimate the small things we do to honour Jesus. They will be tasted and seen.

Before Geoff studied theology and was ordained, he studied Chemistry and taught secondary school science for a number of years.

All Souls’ Patronal Festival

3rd November following the 9.30am service there will be a morning tea. Please bring a small plate of food to share. St Theodore’s are being invited to attend. To assist with numbers, please use the sign-up the sheet at the back of the church.

Windows Tour There will be a tour on Wednesday November 6th from 2pm. A very small group of about 5 or 6 people from Estia Health in Aldgate are

coming and while they would love a cup of tea/coffee, their regulations decree that we cannot give them home-made food because our kitchens aren't registered. However, tea / coffee will be served with a biscuit, if Sue could have a couple of helpers to welcome and serve, it would be most helpful. Thank you. Please contact Sue Crees 0419 745 456 or use the sign-up sheet at the back of the church if you can help on the day.

Anglicare Christmas Hampers & Toy Drive

In previous years we have generously supported this appeal. We have again been approached to supply hampers for Christmas 2024. Please register on sign-up sheet at the back of the church within the next two weeks, or email Ann Peisley culpeper@internode.on.net if you are willing to help with this worthwhile project.

Coffee Morning Unfortunately numbers were down this month with apologies from quite a few of the usual attendees, who were unable to attend. However, everyone enjoyed themselves, with lots of laughs and friendship. The morning was very successful and the pay forward board looked quite full.

Outside Water Tap A new tap has been installed. To prevent water wastage and vandalism, **this tap has a lock and key**. The key is in the lock-box with the church key. If the outside tap has to be used, please contact Pauline Parfitt for code to open the lock-box

News from St Theodore's

Saturday 26 October 11am to 3pm in the Church, Angela Hazebroek will be presenting on Hildegard of Bingen, twelfth century Benedictine Abbess, Polymath, Doctor of the Church and 'Feather on the Breath of God', the second of three Hearth Gatherings: Spring Season Reflections. Further details to follow.

Locum Tenens: The Ven David Thornton - Wakeford

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People's Warden - Emma Robinson 0412 002 123

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