

Second Week of Advent

Wednesday 9 December 2020

Reflection 11 – Day 11

What sort of people are we?

In our reading from the book of 2 Peter we read of how we should live in expectation of “*the day of the Lord [coming] like a thief*” (2 Peter 3.10). Simon Peter asks, “*what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God?*” (v.11-12)

What sort of people are we to be? This is a call not just to a personal reflection on our own lives, but also on our corporate lives, or rather corporate life. It’s almost a strange thought to think of our *corporate* life, as we have been separated in so many different ways since March 2019, but we do indeed still have a corporate life.

We, the Church, are a living, breathing organism and all of us are part of one body, as is shown so beautifully in communion, when we share in one bread.

What a wonderful gift, but also a challenge. If we are one body, how often are we taking care of each other? Looking after each other and looking out for each other? If, while reading this, there is someone who comes to mind, why not give them a call, knock on their door for a front porch chat or write them a letter? Let us love one another, as we would love ourselves.

Lord Jesus,

Thank you for the gift of unity and thank you for your Church.

Help me, as a part of that Church, to lead a life of holiness and godliness. Help me also to care for those who need me, so that we may be the sort of people who reflect and honour You and look forward to when you come again.

Amen.