Sunday 27 September 2026

For further Contemplation

Humility and Comm-Unity, this week's message with reflections on Philippians 2:1-13 and Mark 10:35-45.

Do some searches on the meaning and understanding of 'kenosis' the theological concept of self-emptying I spoke of.

Read Psalm 133 again and contemplate it's meaning. Think about the way I have broken the word comm-unity and how that is relevant to our lives as followers of Jesus or even for peace and harmony. Do some searches about the meanings and origin of the words community and communion, how does this enhance your understanding of the community of love and justice, the community of Christ?

Look up Trent de Withe if you missed seeing his selfless live reports during the floods and consider others you may know of who have acted this way, putting the needs of others first.

Reread Philippians 2:1-4 and consider how you are living. If you are a follower of Jesus how are you living out your faith and what you might be able to do to live in a more Christ like way?

Read the section of Mark before today's reading v32-34 and the section after v46-52. Reflect on your understanding of the Kingdom of God, what I call the Community of Love and Justice? What it means here and now and what is the end in view for the whole creation (see Revelation 21:1-5a)? In this Seasons of Creation time our relationship with creation is to be one of mutual custodianship not domination, for creation is interconnected to the community of life. How do today's message and Scriptures speak to this for you?

Where is the clash of the ethics of the world and the ethics of the community of love and justice most obvious to you? What light can you shine on this?

Blessings,
Stuart