



Go Deeper, 8th Jan 2023 – Next Adventure

Do you remember your own baptism? How does it feel to know you went through the same thing as Jesus, and that we are somehow we are wrapped up by it in the unending love of the Trinity? That just as eh Father and Spirit showed up in affirmation and love of the Son, in whom they were well pleased, so they are well pleased with us? Take a moment to revel in that thought.

(If you haven't been baptised, or confirmed, that Anglican way of owning our baptism, do let me know if you'd like to explore it.)

For deeper reflection, I offer the same three questions as in the sermon:

Where have you seen growth in yourself over the last year?

Feed what you see happening, join in with God.

How do you want to grow more Christlike this year?

What spiritual disciplines might you explore – types of prayer, quiet, Bible reading, fasting? There are some resources below.

What might God be asking you to do this year?

It should go without saying that this might not be at church! Then again, it might be – is there a role here you would like to explore: being a warden? Joining, hosting or leading a small group? Being on the intercessions or reading rota?

What might be God calling you to elsewhere, what causes can't you look away from?

If you want any help exploring these areas, so reach out; someone else's perspective is often a blessing.

Every Blessing,
Rob

Deeper Stuff

Richard Jobes wrote an excellent short piece reflecting on the Isaiah reading, which we heard this week, looking at justice and our role in cooperating with God to bring it. You can find it [here](#).

As I said, I'm reading the Bible in a year – [I'm doing this one](#), a printable paper one that I tick off as I go.



St Wilfrid's Calverley

Loving God, Loving Calverley, Growing Together.

There are so many available online, and many through the YouVersion Bible app. Nicky Gumbel's The Bible In A Year is always well rated, and comes with a little personal reflection every day: <https://bibleinoneyear.org/en/>

I love the various apps that help me to pray. The C of E's has a Daily Prayer app, which has each day's Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and Night Prayer, and they can be played out loud to listen to – perfect for walking along, commuting or sitting and listening in a cosy chair. There's an accompanying App called 'Reflections' with a short thought for each day's MP readings.

I also often use an app called [Pray As You Go](#), a structured set of Ignatian Contemplation exercises. This whole app is well worth exploring.

We'll keep exploring these and many other resources over this year.