

whatever he tells you". To heed Christ's words is to know him. And knowing him trans-forms me. Thirdly, I must stand over against the world's cynicism- that after the good wine, the inferior follows. It is true that what the world supplies ultimately fails and decays. And human hearts become de-sensitised to all promise. So I try to remember the miracle at Cana: that with Christ, the better wine, the best wine, comes at the last. In my difficulties and hardships, I thank God for his love, that awakens my heart to hope again. The waters of my affliction will become for me the wine of his grace and mercy.

And the way I see things will be transformed.

Andrew Fielding (Supernumary Minister in the Central Norfolk Methodist Circuit)

Hymn StF 603 (tune is Buessian: 'Morning has broken')

Come to a wedding, come to a blessing / come on a day when happiness sings!
Come rain or sun, come winter or summer / celebrate love and all that it brings.

Thanks for the love that holds us together – parent and child, and lover and friend:
Thanks for to the God whose love is our centre / source of compassion, knowing no end.

Love is the gift, and love is the giver / love is the gold that makes the day shine,
love forgets self to care for the other / love changes life from water to wine.

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Prayers of Intercession

We pray for everyone currently affected by coronavirus:
those who are ill, those who are self-isolating, those who are bereaved, those who are trying to manage the situation in the NHS, those who are trying to manage their businesses with staff shortages, those in the civil service and in government.

We pray for all affected by adverse Winter weather, by wildfires, by cruel regimes, by food shortages caused by climate change and/or civil war.

We pray for our world, our country, our communities, our churches, our neighbours, our families and our friends.

Offer to God your offertory for the week, and say the Lord's Prayer...

Hymn MP 541 SOF 439

One shall tell another / and they shall tell their friends,
parents, spouse and children / shall come following on.
From house to house in families / shall more be gathered in;
and lights will shine in every street / so warm and welcoming.

*Come on in / and taste the new wine,
the wine of the kingdom, the wine of the kingdom of God:
here is healing and forgiveness ,
the wine of the kingdom, the wine of the kingdom of God.*

God longs to do much more than / our faith has yet allowed,
To thrill us and surprise us / with his sovereign power.
Where darkness has been darkest / the brightest light will shine;
His invitation comes to us – it's yours and it is mine.

Come on in...

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May the blessing of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us, and all those we love, this day and always, Amen.