

Vicar's Blog

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Rainbow of Life

The photograph on the front cover of our June magazine is a collage of drawings of hands made by the pupils of Milestones School when they visited us at Holy Trinity for Experience Easter. Their hands were transformed into a rainbow, a colourful picture of hope and promise. We understand that the pupils at the school enjoy their visits and always look forward to the next opportunity to join us for an Experience Event. As a church we receive a lot from the young people at the events. We are blessed by the way they share with us a richer understanding of the Rainbow of Life.

On 19 May millions of people around the world watched the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Sussex. Bride and groom, Meghan and Harry, both contributed to the content of the service in the chapel. I believe the richness of the mix of people, the music, and the words shared by Bishop Michael Curry reflected and emphasised the hope held, not only by the bride and groom but also by many people round the world. This was a message of hope for the world. This too was a Rainbow of Life: a rainbow that reflects the richness and wonder of variety and diversity. This Rainbow of Life is underpinned by love. As the Bishop said, we should not over-sentimentalise love. 'There is power in love'.

The Bishop addressed the importance of love, not just for the relationship between a married couple, but for us all as people, all of us who live in relationship with this world. Echoing the message of Paul in his letter to the Corinthians, we were reminded that love is not selfish or self-centred: it can change the world.

The work of the pupils at Milestones School reminds us that when we reach out generously and unselfishly with a commitment to variety and diversity, we can help create a wonderful Rainbow of Life that reaches far and wide beyond the horizons of Longlevens and our individual experience.

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