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Mark 9.2-9

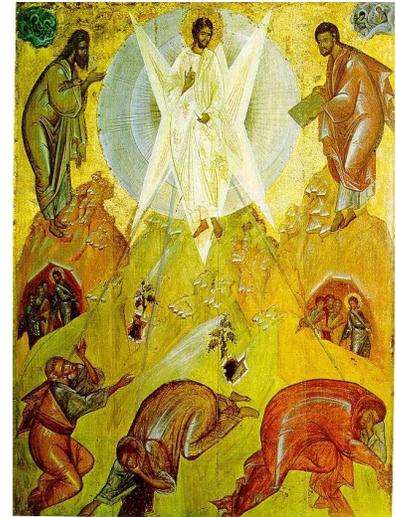
The Transfiguration of Jesus

The disciples were just beginning to understand who Jesus is; Peter had made his confession, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God', but didn't really understand what that meant. When Jesus explained that he must suffer and die, Peter couldn't accept it. This marked a turning point in Jesus' ministry; he was now preparing the disciples for his death and resurrection, though they never really understood until after he had risen from the dead. So, at this point, Jesus took his 3 closest disciples Peter, James & John up a mountain and was transfigured before them.

To help us think about this, I am going to look at two paintings.

The first is by Theophanes the Greek maybe the greatest iconographer of the late 14th and early 15th centuries.

Here we see Jesus as the central figure; his clothes dazzling white. He is depicted in all his glory, the glory he enjoyed with his Father in heaven before the creation of the world.



On either side of Jesus are Moses and Elijah. Moses on the right, holding a tablet, represents the law and Elijah on the left represents the prophets. Jesus was the fulfilment of the law and the prophets.

Jesus is raising his right hand in blessing and in his left hand he is carrying a scroll, a symbol of authority; he is the living Word of God.

Both Moses and Elijah had seen the glory of God in their lifetimes and they took place on mountain tops; Moses on Mount Sinai when he was given the 10 commandments and Elijah on Mount Carmel when he challenged the prophets of Baal and again in the still small voice on Mount Horeb.

Both Moses and Elijah had difficult lives and encountered much opposition, both had mysterious deaths and did not leave a body to be venerated. Jesus rose from the dead and left an empty tomb.

The disciples are terrified, lying down, covering their faces, unable to look up at Jesus.

Look at Jesus' feet. There are 3 rays of his glory radiating out, one to each of the disciples. He is giving his glory to his disciples personally.

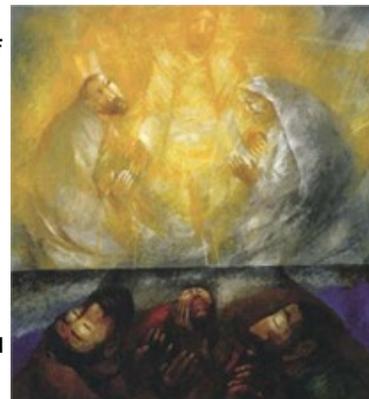
This is not only a picture of Jesus being transfigured in all his glory but a picture of how we will be. Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 3:18, and we are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

The word transfigured is the same word Paul uses for transformed the Greek word metamorphosed. We are being transfigured or metamorphosed into the likeness of our Lord.

As we look at this picture we see the past, the present and the future glory of God; we see ancient figures from the past who witnessed the glory of God in their lifetime, we see the present reality of the glory of God as witnessed by the disciples on that day and we see the future – we see our future hope, that one day we will be like him when we see him face to face.

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The other picture is one by Sieger Koder the German priest and artist who died in 2015 aged 90. The striking feature of this picture is that the top half is bathed in light for the heavenly part and the bottom half is the dark, earthly bit. The disciples' eyes though closed, are lit up as if their inner eyes are opened. In the Orthodox tradition it is the disciples who are transfigured.



We have that hope that we are being transformed into his likeness with ever increasing glory. This hope gives us the motivation, the energy and the courage to live wholeheartedly for our Lord. May God bless you as you are progressively transfigured into the likeness of Jesus.

*Rev Anne Jablonski*

**Collect** Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to follow him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; through Christ our Lord, **Amen**

**Post Communion Prayer** Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **In our Parish**

We continue to ask for God's healing presence in the lives of those who are unwell, those in hospital and those waiting for treatment.

We remember especially Marion, Amanda, Canon Patrick, Sarah, Liz, David, Sheila, Tony, Doreen, Angela, Robert, Stephen, Betty, John, Joan, Michelle, Diana, Richard, Brenda, Jessie & Ian.



**We pray** for the Faithful Departed and all those who mourn. We remember all those still suffering from Covid 19 especially those known to us and those who care for them. We pray for the lonely and anxious who are missing their families and friends. We pray that with the progress of the vaccination programme there is hope that things will slowly improve.

**We give thanks** for our NHS workers who work tirelessly to relieve those suffering from Covid and we pray especially for Neil & Pauline's granddaughter Katie working on the frontline in Southampton Hospital. We pray that she stays safe and well as she cares for those in need.

**We continue to pray for our missionary links around the world.** We hold in our prayers especially: The girls in The House of Joy, the people of Kinkiizi, the Julius and Dora Children's Centre in Kenya, Chris & Veronica Padayachee our CMS link partners. We pray the work of St Francis Hospital, Zambia. We also remember Jeremy Nash and the people of Burkina Faso in West Africa.

**A special request.** We have been asked to join in prayer for the Anglican Church in Myanmar, for Archbishop Stephen and his family, and the citizens of the country during the political upheaval.

### **Pastoral Care:**

Please contact: Rev Anne Jablonski  
01425 240018  
or Tony Eden 01202 473003

If you are in need of shopping please get in contact with us to help arrange for someone to contact you. If you are able to shop for someone please let us know.

### **Priest-in-Charge of Mudeford**

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### **Online Service for 14th February from 7am Holy Communion**

**Sermon:** Rev Anne Jablonski  
**Reading** 2 Kings 2v1-12 by Vikki Miller  
**Gospel reading:** *Mark 9v2-9*  
**Prayers** with Christina Cutler

### **This Week online**

**Monday 15th Feb** MU prayers  
**Tuesday 16th Feb.** Messy Pancakes  
**Wednesday 17th Feb** Ash Wednesday Service  
**Sunday 21st Feb** Andy and Rona lead our  
Sunday Worship.

## Appeal to all Church members towards Improved Lighting and Audio/ Visual installation in All Saints Church

A fortnight ago, we launched an Appeal for help towards the Improved lighting and a new Audio Visual system in our church. I want to say a very big thank you to all the people who have responded to the appeal. Over £5,000 has been raised so far, so we are well on our way to meeting our target.

If you would like to make a donation towards this appeal and have not already done so, however large or small, please would you help in one of three ways:

- a) Cash – with a note to say that it is for the Appeal. You can send this to my home address:  
3, Minterne Road, Christchurch, BN23 3LD.
- b) Cheque: made payable to The PCC of Mudeford
- c) Direct to our Bank - BACS sort code 52-21-34, account number: 03060012, making it clear that it is for "The Appeal."

If we raise more money than is needed to pay all the bills for this project, we will hold these funds over for further maintenance and improvement work in the church.

"If you are able to Gift Aid your donation please let me know and I will do the rest. Gift Aid adds 25% to the value of your donation on the basis that you pay tax at the standard rate on your income".

**Tony – Church Treasurer**

**FINANCE:** Please may I ask for your continued financial support. Please send donations in cash or cheque to me Tony Eden at, 3, Minterne Road, Christchurch, BH23 3LD making cheques payable to "The PCC of Mudeford.". If you use the BACS system you can send donations directly to the following account: The PCC of Mudeford, Sort Code: 52-21-34, Account no: 03060012

Reference: please use your name as reference.

We are truly grateful for all the support that we have been given this year, which has enabled us to continue paying our bills. We hope that we can continue to do this in 2021.

Thank you very much.

**Tony - Church Treasurer**

**Lent Course:** Our Lent course this year will be "Trees in the Bible". Revd Stephen Startup has prepared 6 sessions. Which will be sent out week by week. There will be a Zoom session each week starting on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. If you would like to join in we will send a Zoom Link to you or the codes are Meeting ID: 874 0195 0883 Passcode: 917144. The study considers six trees which illustrate God's plan of salvation. If you have any photos, drawings, paintings or poems on trees, each week there will be space to have a look at some of these. The course will be available both on line and in paper version. A webpage has already been populated at: <https://allsaintsmudeford.org/trees-in-the-bible-lent-2021/> If anyone wants a paper version please call Judy or Tony on 473003. 01202

**The Anchor** The Editors would like your contributions for the March edition regarding TV, radio or internet programmes that you have enjoyed during the last year. The deadline is 16th Feb.

### 'Thy Kingdom Come'

This is a nation wide call to prayer which you can access via the Church of England web site. There is a booklet you can download so that you can join in prayer daily with the rest of the nation.

### Online Service from 7am Sundays

Our internet services, prayers, and talks are posted on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/parishofmudeford/> and on You Tube Channel. Both of these can be accessed from our web site at [www.allsaintsmudeford.org](http://www.allsaintsmudeford.org)

### MISSION POT:

During February we shall be supporting **Christchurch Food Bank +** See more details in February's edition of The Anchor.

### Our Vision for Mission

*This Parish seeks to be inclusive in extending God's kingdom, by encouraging the whole community to grow in the Christian faith through prayer and worship and to care for others through pastoral and practical support.*