

# TRINITY NEWS

## Pentecost V The Seed-Word and Layers of Human Reception

**T**he Sower interprets the parable about him. Seed-Words from God ripe with passion for life fall from the hand of his heart into Soils-People. A farmer has to decide the right place to sow the seeds. Jesus sows words in minds and hearts. The words of the Sower Jesus have to pass from his mind and heart into the minds and hearts of the recipients. Jesus is the Christ-Logos, the Anointed Word. The Logos-Word in John's Gospel drops seeds of reason into our minds. These seed-words carry the passion of the heart of God for humanity. These words are shot through with the loving intention of Abba for us. Rejecting them is costly, not because we are going to hell if we do so, but rather it is the loss of sharing in the mission of God to re-create the world. The seed-word links up with the image of God in us and is fired by the spark of life in it. Then the warmth of the creative fire of the Spirit caresses spoken and written words into fresh life. A fire in a forest in Western Australia warms seeds below the surface of the forest floor and they burst into life on cue and produce natural beauty.

The Sower drops seeds-words into what we call the Scriptures and they await the warmth of the fire of the Holy Spirit to burst into life. Jerome said, "In the words of the Gospels the Spirit has been joined to the letter, and whatever at first sight seems to be cold, if you touch it, grows hot." The Scriptures are the touchstone of the voice of God within us and within the Church and within the world.

The Sower discerns the hearts of his people. He knows that some of his words will skate across the surface of their minds and disappear into oblivion for them but not for him. He knows that hardness of heart can reject things of beauty and even the beauty of heartfelt love. He knows that the distraction of all distractions is the absence of awareness, the awareness of hearing the voice of the Sower in the silent corridors of our

minds. The Voice-Word is sown where it flourishes most, in our soul's awareness. The riches and cares of the world are not the ultimate distraction. The ultimate distraction is to fail to see that far more than these things is necessary for the peace of the human heart. The Sower asks us to enter every morning with a pure intention as much as we can and to end the day warmed by thoughts of what we have expressed and received in helping to increase the dimensions of our heart, the riches of our mind and the sharing of our love in the world.

**Bishop Arthur Jones**

**Bishop Kay Goldsworthy** is our preacher today at the Eucharist at 9.30am. Bishop Kay has experience in chaplaincy, parish ministry and administration. She has shared Episcopal Ministry with the Archbishop of Perth in Western Australia since 2008. She is a wise and caring leader and we are grateful to have her presence at Holy Trinity to sow seeds of the Word and to share herself and her experience with us.

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## **THIS WEEK:**

### **Wednesday, July 16**

*Bible study, 10:00am*

*Group discussion, 7:30pm Parish Hall*

### **Thursday, July 17.**

*Midweek Eucharist, 10:00am, Chapel*

## **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**

*Wisdom 12:13,16-19; Psalm 86*

*Romans 8:18-25; Matthew 13:24-30,36-43*

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