

A Few Words on the Readings Patrick White

Joel 2:21-27 It is not known exactly when Joel was making his prophecy but his message to the people of Israel is clear-whatever their difficulties or misfortunes, whether they can worship at the temple or not they are to turn to God. Joel announces that one day God's presence will be known by all peoples and his spirit given to them, a vision which finds its realisation at the first Pentecost (Acts 2:16-21). Joel holds out God's promise of plenty to a people suffering from shortages and deprivation. Abundance will return and sadness will give way to joy. *The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.* This a harvest message which we can all recognise and for which we can give thanks.

Matthew 6.25-33 Part of the Sermon on the mount. Jesus teaches us to trust in God rather than material goods. Those who put their trust in God can be at peace for they know that God will provide for their needs. We are called to share all what we have with those in need, and to recognise that God has provided us with the means of doing this. Our priority is to seek first his kingdom.

Radio and TV

Sunday Worship Radio 4 8.10am **Search me O God and know my Heart** a service for World Mental Health Day. Songsters of the Salvation Army

Songs of Praise BBC 1 **1.15 pm Faith in Coventry** Claire McCollum is in Coventry, this year's city of Culture and host of **FAITH**, a 24-hour event bringing together the city's different religions. She visits Coventry Cathedral.

Choral Evensong BBC Radio 3 Sunday October 10th 3pm **Live from Winchester Cathedral** . 4.00pm Wednesday 13th October from the **Chapel of Kings College Cambridge**

The Daily Service (15 m) Weekdays at 9h45 on BBC RadioC4 long wave.

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