## A few words on the readings

**Ezekiel 33:7-11.** The prophet Ezekiel speaks of his role as a sentry, keeping watch, ready to warn others of God's judgement and the need to repent. He reminds the people that God seeks only to bring them to repentance and to forsake evil ways.

Romans 13:8-end. Paul continues to set out a pattern of Christian living. Here he refers back to the Commandments as a basis for loving one's neighbour. A rule that Christ himself has underlined. Keeping the commandments is a way of expressing one's love for God. The first Christians believed that Christ's second coming was imminent and therefore they needed to be awake, alert and ready. We too should make sure that our Christian lives reflect in every way Christ's teaching and be ready to meet him.

**Matthew 18:15-20.** Jesus gives some uncomfortable teaching about forgiveness. There is no room in a Christian community for nursing grudges. We have a stake in the reconciliation process as we believe that we are forgiven when we make confession. Jesus gives encouragement to us in that he promises that he is with us when we meet together and he empowers us to offer forgiveness in his name.

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