

The Brickhills and Stoke Hammond

Living Faith 1: Sustaining the sacred centre

This is about encouraging and enabling clergy and lay people to deepen their enjoyment of God, and to recognise God's presence in everyday life.

Sunday readings: Colossians 1. 15 – 20; John 1. 1 – 14

What does all this mean for evangelism in our day?

LIVING FAITH QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

- How do we 'receive Christ' in our own lives (v12)?
- If 'receiving Christ' is one way of describing the sacred centre, how do we sustain that centre? What do we find 'works' for us and those around us?
- What could we be doing in our own church to sustain the sacred centre of the church's life?

STILLNESS

1. Read John 1.1-14 again.
2. Meditate on v.12: 'To all who received him, he gave power to become children of God.'
3. While this is being done, play a quiet piece of music of your choice (try four minutes).
4. Prayer: Jesus, Word of the Father,
help us to hear your Word
amongst the cacophony of words in our culture.
May we recognise the still small voice
in the sacred centre of our lives, and respond with joy.
And may that quiet voice send us out to live the faith
for the future and to transform the world with your love. Amen.