

'Seeking to be the People of Christ at the Heart of the Community'.



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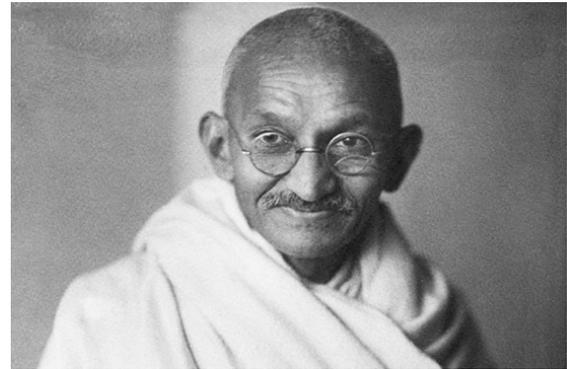
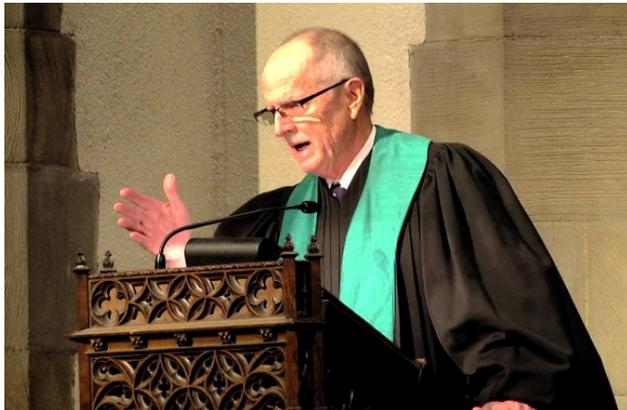


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Jesus through the eyes of Mahatma Gandhi

Rev Dr Mel White



Mahatma Gandhi

They asked Gandhi, "What's the difference between you and most Christians?"

And Gandhi said quietly:

"Well, I think he meant it."

I love that quote because I read it all those years and didn't really understand that when Jesus said 'love your enemies', he meant it.

When Jesus said, 'if you're rich, beware'. He meant it.

When he said, 'care for the poor, care for the hungry, care for the lost, care for the outcast', Jesus meant it as our main concern.

That prophecy, that kind of prophetic voice has been given throughout the centuries not just by Jesus.

But in Jesus I found a special kind of prophet who was also for me, because of Easter, still alive and well and still speaking through his spirit.

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I see Jesus now through the eyes of Mahatma Gandhi.

All my college life and all my teaching Sunday school life, I saw Jesus in a rather flannelgraph portrayal where he was posted up somewhere and he was blond and blue-eyed and, you know, wonderful and cute

He wasn't a Middle Easterner with probably dark skin, smelled of onions and, you know, lived in a Third World country. That's not the way I saw him.

Then I saw him through Gandhi's eyes and I heard, as he did, the Sermon on the Mount for the first time when Gandhi said:

'My heart stopped when I read Matthew chapter 5 through to chapter 7.

And I woke up the next morning determined to turn those principles into practice'.

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Not everything is cancelled

- Sunshine is not cancelled**
- Spring is not cancelled**
- Love is not cancelled**
- Relationships are not cancelled**
- Reading is not cancelled**
- Naps are not cancelled**
- Devotion is not cancelled**
- Music is not cancelled**
- Dancing is not cancelled**
- Imagination is not cancelled**
- Kindness is not cancelled**
- Conversations are not cancelled**
- HOPE is not cancelled**

Should also include----gardening/spring cleaning/clearing out/crosswords/hobbies and all the other things we suddenly have time to do!

Missing family and friends so much but having some selfish ME time to think and catch up!

Stay at home

Stay safe

Try to stay well



John and I haven't been out since before this craziness started! A friend wrote that she should look to see whether her dad was buried in the garden by her

mum, maybe someone should come and look for John!

(I stole the above pic from elsewhere Ed!)

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One way ticket! Enjoy whilst you can.

PWA

(Pleasant Wednesday Afternoon)

I was made very welcome as a newcomer to this friendly and interesting group at Parkwood. The meeting was held mostly in the "Padded Room", (Large vestry to give it its proper title) unless a film show was on the agenda when the main room was utilised. A reading and prayer with hymn and speaker led to an interesting hour or more.

The speakers gave talks on many topics with lots of things to see and handle and facts to absorb.

Some of the meetings were religious, but a lot were about the speakers own collections, holiday memories and people they had met and major events in their lives.

We had bus trips and boat trips, most organised by Freda along with Jean and Nora.



Many photo's were taken by members and are lovely to look back on.

Salford Quays trip 2011



Canal Boat trip 2012

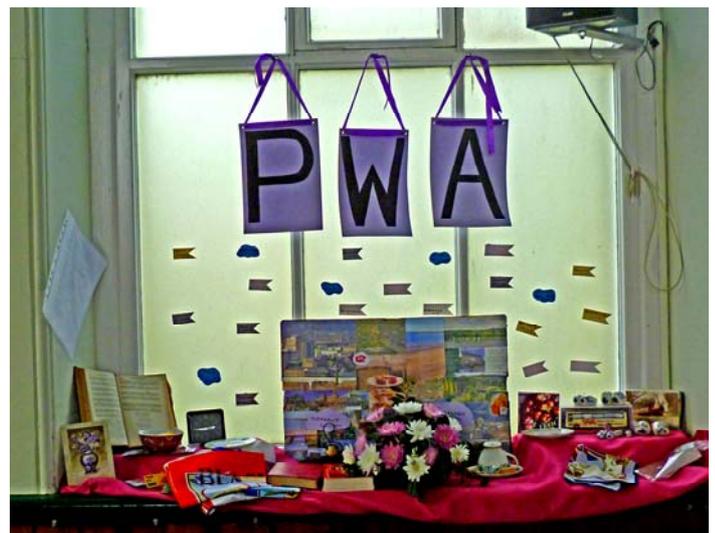
Many Thanks to all for their friendship.

Pat Battye

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To finish a few random photo's of the old days, when you could visit people and talk:-----



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