



# Chaplain's Blog July part 2 2017



Dear All

I know it has been less than a month but far from running out of things to write there seems to be more all the time! My spiritual director commented, "but there's ELEVEN pages!"

So maybe smaller bites are needed. ☺

I have attached a paper entitled, **'The Central Readers' Council – what is God calling us to be and to do?'** – I would love to hear your opinions on this! I wonder if the Deaneries (DRSs) could provide some gatherings for conversation- a good excuse for me to visit!

**Vocations Thoughts – Priests and Prophets** (the first of several pieces that will go over blogs)

Having spent last month thinking fairly deeply about vocations I was going to have a break – then this dropped into my inbox and I had to start thinking again!

Richard Rohr

"The role of the prophet is to lead us into sacred space by deconstructing the old space; the role of the priest is to teach us how to live fruitfully inside of sacred space. The prophet disconnects us from the false, and the priest reconnects us to The Real at ever larger and deeper levels. Unfortunately, most ministers might talk of new realms but rarely lead us out of the old realm where we are still largely trapped and addicted. So not much genuinely new happens."

(Put onto this by my Spiritual Director free daily meditations from Richard Rohr from which the above quote comes)

Actually having read these daily I really can commend them to you and the link below will allow you to sign up and have them sent free to your email each morning.

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**Dr Who has been in the news and I was amused that I was not the only one to draw the link between the fuss over a woman Dr Who and the gender of priests!**

<http://liturgy.co.nz/a-female-christ-and-dr-who>

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar containing the URL [liturgy.co.nz/a-female-christ-and-dr-who](http://liturgy.co.nz/a-female-christ-and-dr-who). The browser's address bar also shows several search engines: Google, TinyURL!, Safeguarding, Art&Music, Toys & Games, Shopping, and In. The website's header features the Liturgy logo, which consists of a blue circle with four green leaves, and the text "Liturgy service and gratitude". Below the logo is a navigation menu with links for "Liturgy Home", "Worship Resources", "Celebrating Eucharist", and "Chapel". The main content area displays the article title "A Female Christ and Dr Who" in a large blue font, followed by the text "Posted on July 18, 2017 by Bosco Peters • 6 Comments". Below the text is a large image featuring Jodie Whittaker as the Thirteenth Doctor, pointing forward, with Daleks and TARDISes in the background. The image is watermarked with "METRO.co.uk".

**A Female Christ and Dr Who**  
*Posted on July 18, 2017 by Bosco Peters • 6 Comments*

Yesterday, I started the day by joining a discussion that interlocked The Doctor being regenerated as a woman, women priests, and the possibility that if the incarnation happened today this could be a female. Having made my comments, I soon discovered that I had inadvertently joined a discussion not of a hypothetical female incarnation of The Doctor, but after the formal announcement that the 13th (and last possible?) incarnation will be acted by Jodie Whittaker.



## **Books!**

### **How God Became King - Tom Wright (SPCK 2012)**

Have to admit I battled through this one but I loved the ex-bishop of Durham's likening of the Gospels to a trusty but old car and some theologians to mechanics who take the car apart and lay it all out admiring the workmanship and 'tutting' over the fixes that have been done over the years. Wonderfully displayed but ultimately un-drivable. However his main theme seems to be that 'we' have forgotten how to read the gospels - or that we are reading them the wrong way and he suggests that much time is spent on Jesus' birth and death but not enough the central stories. I found myself frowning and re-reading bits but nodding in agreement at other passages- so all in all thought provoking but not ultimately inspiring.... though I would recommend it to anyone who has to write essays on the gospels or the creeds; it is full of useful quotes and pithy thoughts.

The one thing it did do was make me want to perform / read aloud an entire gospel in Church one day - just need a suitable excuse and some folks to listen.

### **Red Moon Rising Pete Grieg & Dave Roberts (Survivor 2003)**

A much easier read is this offering about the advent of the 24/7 prayer movement - not as much meat but definitely easier and quicker to digest! More on this in the next blog.

## **Reader's Anecdote of the Month award.....**

### **Reader Wendy wrote after the last blog:**

We went to Lincoln Cathedral today specifically to see the grave of Katherine Swynford. A guide heard us asking for the site of her tomb and was so impressed at our knowing about her AND having travelled from Cornwall to see it that we got a special showing.

On hearing that the house she lived in for part of her life was round the back of the Cathedral we walked round to see it. It is now the residence of the very lucky Dean of Lincoln. Her name we recognised from our time many many years ago at St. Peter's Newlyn! Could it be the same lady?

I risked looking stupid and rang the bell. The result was a tour round the most wonderful and historic house by the Dean's very kind and thoughtful husband!

Just sometimes it all works out!  
Wendy

ONLY Three Pages! - Blessings.... Jim