

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Tuesday 23rd April 2024

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Whoever Welcomes Malcolm Guite

Mark 9. 36-37. Then he took a little child and put it down among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.".(NRSV)

Welcome, the word is always on your lips
Each welcome warms another one inside,
Amid interleaving of relationships,
An open door where arms are open wide
First welcome to the child and through the child
A welcome to the Saviour of the world,
And through the Saviour's welcome all are called
Home to the Father's heart. Each call is curled
And nested in another, as you were
Nested and nestled in your mother's womb,
As Mary carried One who carried her,
And we are wrapped in you, deep in the tomb,
Where you turn our rejection unto welcome,
And death itself becomes our welcome home.

Parable and Paradox. Canterbury Press

At Saint James we are blessed by the presence and encouragement of young children.

It is good to welcome them.

It is good too to know we are welcomed.