

Thought for the Day - Friday 24th September 2021

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Malcolm Guite Sounding the Seasons 3

In his thinking around All Saints Malcolm writes a second sonnet.

A last beatitude
And blessed are the ones we overlook,
The faithful servers on the coffee rota,
The ones who hold no candle, bell or book
But keep the books and tally up the quota,
The gentle souls who come to “do the flowers”,
The quiet ones who organise the fete,
Church sitters who give up their weekday hours,
Door keepers who may open heaven’s gate.
God knows the depths that often go unspoken
Amongst the shy, the quiet and the kind
Or the slow beating of a heart long broken,
Placing each flower so for a year’s mind.
Invisible on earth, without a voice,
In heaven their angels glory and rejoice.

Let us give thanks for all who contribute to the life of St James, and all our churches. Let us give thanks for with whom we worship and pray.

Let us give thanks to God for our Lord Jesus Christ.