

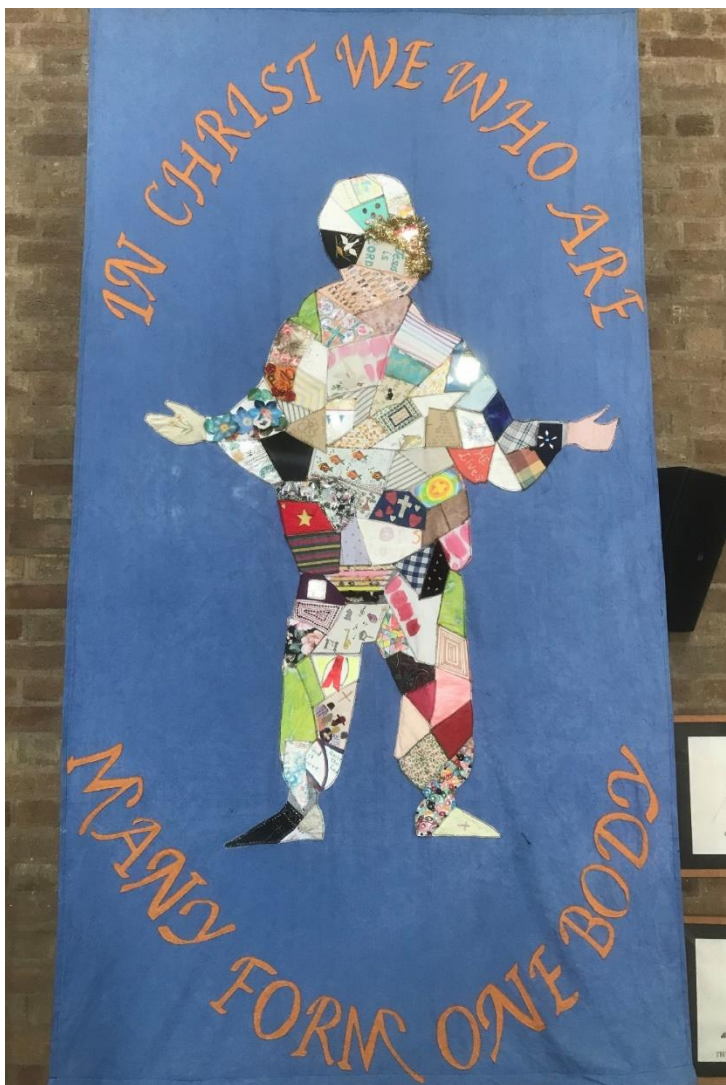
Thought for the day – Friday 20th August 2021

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Banners displayed in church.

I was reminded recently by a visitor to St James of the visual impact of our banners in church and how they can convey verses from The Bible.

The following banner verse was chosen partly because it was created by members of St James and I also contributed a piece of The Body.



⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us

- Romans 12:4-6

The church is made up of many members, yet it is also one body. There is unity, diversity, and mutuality in the church. We have unity in Christ, diversity of gifts to serve one another, and an interdependence on one another.

The phrase depicts the church as a human body. The body cannot function without diversity of functions, such as eyes, ears, hands, and feet. Both diversity and unity obtain in the local church.

Prayer:

Dear Father, thank you for making part of something that is living, dynamic, powerful, and eternal. Thank you for giving me special abilities and gifts to use in the Body of Christ. Please help me find and use my gifts and abilities for the good of your people and to glorify you. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.