

Thought for the day – Thursday 25th March 2021

By Revd John Marshall

David Suchet and a life of faith.

We enjoy seeing David Suchet play Poirot and in Lent we have been listening to him read from Mark's Gospel.

I have a beautiful book of and David Suchet's photographs and reminiscences (Behind the lens, my life.)

He writes on faith.

"I was always interested in Christianity and the afterlife, but I didn't really accept any of it until my conversion in 1986, when I was forty. I was lying in a hotel bath in America, thinking about my grandfather Jimmy. He'd always been a kind of spiritual guide for me. I would say to myself sometimes 'What do you think, Jimmy?' I tried to imagine, I suppose what he would have said.

That got me thinking more about the afterlife and resurrection.

Eventually he got hold of a New Testament. He knew about Paul and decided to read Romans.

"I didn't understand much of it, but halfway through I came across a passage that spoke of a way of life, I wanted to be part of about how people should respond to others, how one should behave and think, and how to look at the world. It was a world view I had been searching for from the 60s."

"The Christian world view was love"

He remembered Jesus commands to love God and love your neighbours.

"Love was a light , a beacon guiding my way."

David Suchet came to faith slowly and carefully.

He remembers the honour of reading Mark's Gospel, in St Paul's Cathedral – and we have been enjoying that.

David Suchet is pleased that he is able to unite his faith and his work.