

Thought for the day – Wednesday 22nd June 2022

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Abraham and Sarah at Mamre.

They practise hospitality, their hearts
Have opened like a secret source free flowing
Only as they take another's part.
Stopped in themselves, and in their own unknowing,
But unlocked by these strangers in their need,
They breathe again, and courtesy, set free,
Begets the unexpected, generosity
Begetting generation, as the seed
Of promise springs and laughs in Sarah's womb.

Made whole by their own hospitality,
And like the rooted oak whose shade made room
For the refreshing genesis at Mamre,
One couple, bringing comfort to their guests,
Becomes our wellspring in the wilderness.

- Malcolm Guite, Parable and Paradox In the wilderness, Canterbury Press

Have we as a church, or individuals entertained angels unaware?

What is our welcome like?