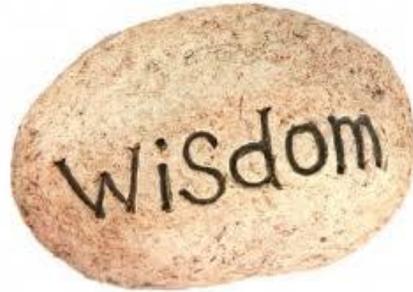
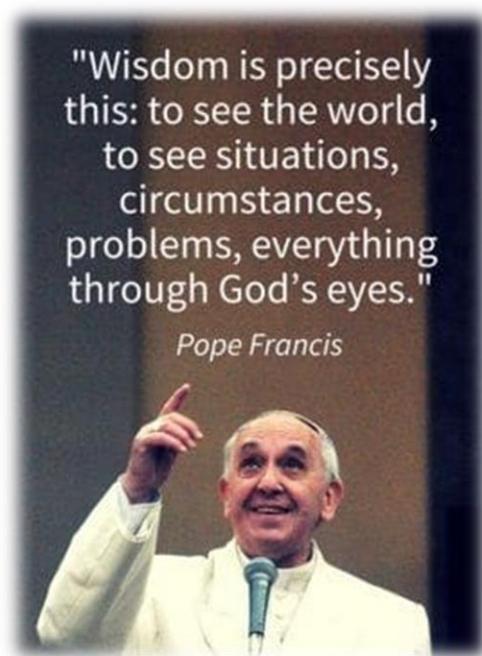


Second Sunday after the Nativity

The theme running through our liturgy today is Christ, the Wisdom of God.



In the first reading, Wisdom is spoken of as pitching her tent amongst the people of Israel, the chosen people. The second reading from St Paul to the Ephesians reminds us that we are God's children and that we can pray for the spirit of wisdom which will enlighten our eyes as Pope Francis says:



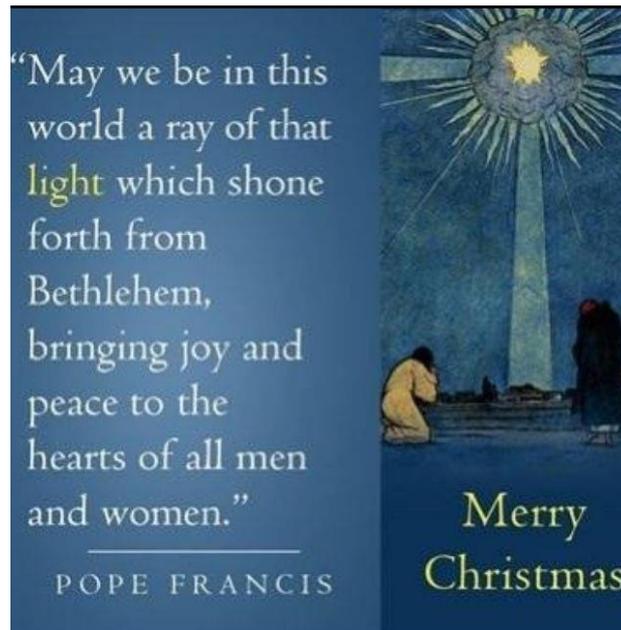
So what might God's eyes see in the situation we find ourselves in during this pandemic?

The acts of kindness that we have seen from so many people
The way people of all faith communities have come together to feed the hungry
The care that has been shown by so many to the lonely, the vulnerable, the elderly
The value that has been placed on key workers instead of those with riches

If we, too, can see these blessings in our world at this time, then we are sharing in the Wisdom of God.

Today's Gospel from the beginning of John's Gospel reminds us that Jesus is the Word, the Light and the Incarnation of God. As Canon Alan said in his homily during our Christmas Masses, the Crib and the Cross are interwoven and the Cross is not the end of the story. We have to be the body of Christ today in our world. We have to be the Word of God that people can read. We have to be the Light which leads people to God. We have to be signs of God incarnate, showing God's love, tenderness, compassion and care to those we meet.

If we do this, we will be people of Wisdom, people who see everything through God's eyes.



*Have yourself a merry little Christmas
Let your heart be light
From now on
Our troubles will be out of sight*

*Have yourself a merry little Christmas
Make the Yule-tide gay
From now on
Our troubles will be miles away*

*Here we are as in olden days
Happy golden days of yore
Faithful friends who are dear to us
Gather near to us once more*

*Through the years we all will be together
If the fates allow
Hang a shining star upon the highest bough
And have yourself a merry little Christmas
now*

May we, as the community of The Most Holy Trinity, Dockhead, continue to be a Beacon of Light for the people of Bermondsey. May we look after one another in the coming months, knowing that we are held very gently, in God's arms.