

Whisper it but God is moving!

After years of Church attendance dropping it has turned a corner. Or to use a different metaphor the tide has turned. Church attendance has risen between 2018 and 2024 by a not insignificant amount. Young people are in the majority of those seeking after something that transcends the bleak outlook of our 24 hour news channels. More broadly sales of Bibles have almost doubled in that time during a period where general book sales dropped. Those who follow the statistics and trends of these things are calling it The Quiet Revival. It's impact varies of course from place to place. We have seen a couple of signs of this in our own Benefice. It's taken a while but people are done with Atheism!

What are we supposed to do about it? That is the question that comes to my mind. I am working this through and will continue to do so, sharing any thoughts I have. I am reminded of something Jesus said about seeing what his Father was already doing and joining in with it! (Johns Gospel 5. 9-10). That is a good place to begin for all of us who are more seasoned believers. If God is already doing something. Which is almost certainly the case, we should stand ready to support it.



When people ask us questions of faith are we ready to respond? No need to be an expert just answer to the best of our knowledge. Are we willing to be slightly more overt and wear our faith on our sleeves? No need to wave banners but be proud of whom we belong to. When some of our families and friends' spirits start awakening will we notice and pray for them? Being aware is the main thing. Just as our eyesight is corrected by spectacles so our awareness of all things spiritual is corrected by prayer. Just knowing what is stirring in our land, and seeking God's wisdom, will ensure we are ready to help the good Lord when we are called upon.

Do pray that the spiritual tide will continue to turn. Remember that as the tide comes in it lifts up all boats not just the fancy ones.