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****Please note the messages for this month have been recorded using Zoom and not the usual filming using camera, due to Covid restrictions.**

Presenter **Rev Prof William (Bill) Loader**

Focus Readings Mark 10:17-31

Message 8 minutes 15 seconds **“Am I good news for the poor?”**

Discussion Starters

- 1** How do you think we can be good news for the poor?
- 2** Are you good news for the poor? What does it mean to you?
- 3** Is your church community good news for the poor?
- 4** How can we best be good news for the poor in our community, our region, our world?

Other Lectionary readings for the day

Job 23 1:9, 16-17 Job seeks God to present his complaint, believing that God will not crush him with great power. Ambiguity in the Hebrew allows for the interpretation that, even in the seeming absence of God, Job is not entirely defeated.

Psalms 22:1-15 This psalm, echoed by Christ on the Cross, lays bare the agony of human suffering and shows trust in the midst of adversity as the psalmist reaches out to God.

Hebrews 4:12-16 Although God’s word exposes our short comings, through Jesus, our sympathetic high priest, we can approach God boldly and find grace in times of need.

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All Age Message Rev Prof William (Bill) Loader **“Magpie Shines”**

Length 4 Minutes 50 seconds

Precis of AAM

Bill has a conversation with his friend Magpie. Magpie is getting old and he is a bit down on himself with all the things that are happening. He has a dream and following that he learns a few things. Maybe his vibrant warbling and new shiny feathers are saying that he has learnt that he has to love himself, that God loves him and he must be kind to others and share the Good news he has experienced to the poor.

Resources **Uniting in Worship (Blue Book)** Psalm 22: 1-15 page 258-259

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