

Liturgical Date: Year C, Pentecost 8, Sunday, 3rd August 2025

Presenter: Rev Dr Clive Pearson

Focus Reading: Luke 12:13-21

Message. 7 minutes 30 seconds **"Fools for Christ's Sake"**

Discussion Starters

1. What strikes you as foolishness in today's world?
2. In what ways are you enriched in your life in Christ?
3. What do you think it might mean for us to be fools for Christ's sake?
4. How do you think we might enrich the life of our community?

Readings for this day

Hosea 11:1-11 Using wonderful images, God reminds us that God is our loving, longsuffering, faithful parent.

Psalms 107:1-9 We have every reason to give thanks to God.

Colossians 3:1-11. We are challenged to put aside the way we were and live into our "new being". Can we strip off anger and greed?

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All Age Message: Rev Jon Humphries "Being Generous"

Length 2 minutes 50 seconds

Precis of All Age Address

Rev John Humphries provides an excellent illustration of the temptation to take more than we need at the expense of others, by referring to two bowls of lollies.

Rather than being greedy and always wanting more just for ourselves, being generous means being fair. Jesus tells us to have just enough and then, to share the extra with others, asking the question; more for me or more to share?

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