

Thoughts on the Daily Word

4th Week of Advent. Tuesday 24th December. Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16; Psalm: 88; Gospel: Luke 1:67-79.

Once again, the prophetic word is important to point out where God is at work. In the early Church, Christian prophets were an important part of the Church's missionary power. Only gradually were they absorbed into the ministries that we have today. Nathan's word to David changed the course of history. Humble enough to recognise his mistake he then challenges the royal power but at the same time reveals what God is up to with the House of David. Amazing stuff! Zechariah, a priest, is humble enough to recognise his mistake and then burst into prophecy. We need to hear again that prophetic word in our time. It isn't simply knowledge and wisdom but an openness to the power of the Holy Spirit. As so often, both Nathan and Zechariah are overtaken by the word. Perhaps we need to pray again for that word to touch our world and especially the Church.