

Biblical Images of Pastoral Care

Throughout the Bible various images are used for the love and care God, both Father and Son, have for the world.

Shepherd:

OT: Isaiah 40:11; Ezekiel 34:15-16; Psalm 23

NT: Luke 1:3-7; John 10:1-18; 1 Peter 5:2-4; Revelation 7:17

Servant:

OT: The Servant Songs of Isaiah: 42.1-9; 49.1-6; 50.4-9; 52.13 - 53.12; Isaiah 61.1-3

NT: Matthew 25:31-40; Mark 10:42-45; John 13:1-17; 2 Corinthians 4:5; Galatians 5:3-14

Fool:

OT: Isaiah 20; Jeremiah 13:1-11; Ezekiel 5:1-12; Hosea 1:2-9

NT: Matthew 16:24-26; Luke 6:27-30; 1 Corinthians 3:18-20;1 Corinthians 4:9-13

Wounded healer:

OT: Isaiah 53:5

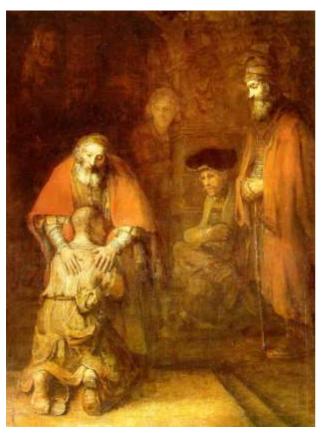
NT: Luke 22:40-46 & 23:33; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; 2 Corinthians 1:5-7; Philippians 2:5-11

Pastoral Care and the Anglican Five Marks of Mission

- 1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- 2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
- 3. To respond to human need by loving service
- 4. To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
- 5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth 1

¹ https://www.anglicancommunion.org/mission/marks-of-mission.aspx

How do these pictures speak to you of Pastoral Care?



Rembrandt's Return of the Prodigal Son²



Feed my lambs, feed my sheep³:



Jesus washes Peter's Feet:

² https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Rembrandt_Harmensz_van_Rijn_-_Return_of_the_Prodigal_Son_-_Google_Art_Project.jpg

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:(1)Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church-6.jpg

⁴ https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Jesus_washing_Peter%27s_feet.jpg