




# THIS IS YOUR SPACE TO STAND UP

## REFLECTION POINTS 6 DECEMBER 2020

### JOEL 2:12-13, 28-29

 <sup>12</sup> Yet even now, says the Lord,  
return to me with all your heart,  
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;  
<sup>13</sup> rend your hearts and not your clothing.  
Return to the Lord, your God,  
for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,  
and relents from punishing.

<sup>28</sup> Then afterwards  
I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;  
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
your old men shall dream dreams,  
and your young men shall see visions.  
<sup>29</sup> Even on the male and female slaves,  
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

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What examples of intergenerational life can you recall either from your own past or from the present?

How has this shaped you as a person and a person of faith?

We are told to pass on the tradition, we do so as the one body, and in order to be the one body we need to accommodate each other as God first accommodated us.

The liturgy can be a vehicle for passing on the tradition but it has to be the work of the whole people in order to transform the whole people.

We can all think of times when accommodation has not been reflected to others but can you think of times when it has?

Thinking of those times, how has it affected the church, the community and people's faith and discipleship? How has it affected the mission of the church? The vision of the church?

What about being the one body? How has that affected the mission of the church?

Can you identify stumbling blocks to the passing on of tradition?

How can you help to overcome those?

We need each other, all ages, all people. We all have something to offer each other, we are all of value, no-one has greater value than anyone else. This is theologically sound, and it's written plainly by Paul in his letters. But sometimes we lose our way as a church, just as the early churches lost their way. Remembering who we are theologically at our core helps us to ground ourselves and our dreams.

