



# Hope for the world

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## The Vision Of Christ Is An Invitation To Hope

Where we place our hope very much reflects who we are and how we see ourselves. In hoping for something, we give oxygen to our dreams. We shine a light. We name it.

Christmas is one time – and there are many others expressed in many different ways – when as a society, as individuals, we give birth to hope.

As a religious festival, Christmas has been vandalised by materialism. But still within it are the seeds of hope. Now, more than ever, they need water, they need wine, they need light and air. And now more than ever, we are being invited, entrusted to hope.

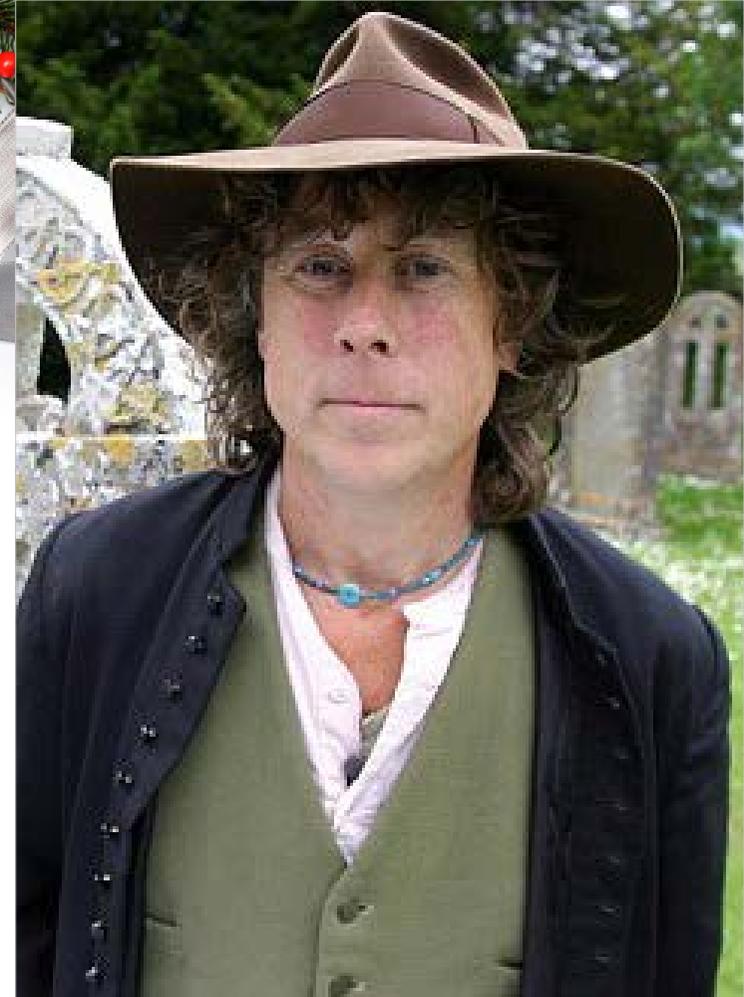
The vision of Christ is an invitation to hope. It is not bound by religion. His dreaming of the treasure in the field is an expression of relationship, the relationship we have with love. Love is an expression of hope, a release from isolation and the embrace of communion.

What we hope for is what we bring to bear in the short span of our lives. It is what we hope in that is perhaps more telling.

As a society, we have lost the threads of hoping for the future. It is time, as the planet is telling us, that we gathered them again, that we begin again to hope for a future that seeks justice in all relationships between peoples and between creation.

Yes, this is the time to dream, a time to break down, and a time to build up, a time to pluck up what is planted.

Do not be afraid to hope.



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