

## **Reading Sunday 31st July 2022**

### **Luke 12: 32-40**

#### **Watchful slaves**

This reading is in two parts. The first part is the conclusion, on Jesus's teaching to his disciples on how God will provide for us. I love the first sentence 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your father's pleasure to give you the kingdom'. I think this shows his love and care for his followers, and how special they are to him. And I think this can include all his followers, including us, what do you think ?

He then talks about how we need to build up for ourselves treasure in heaven, by making God first in our lives. Then another favourite sentence of mine in this reading – 'For where your treasure is there your heart will be also'. God is showing his love for us, when we put him first – what do you think ?

Then Jesus tells us the parable of the watchful slaves. His message is that Jesus will return again and we need to be alert, and be watchful. We need to continue to put God first, continue to follow his commandments so that we are the best people we can be, when he returns. He gives us a final warning – 'You must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour'. That is quite a challenge – are you ready ?

With love and blessings Jill x