

**Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. May I speak in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

We've just heard the account of the miracle at the wedding in Cana - the turning of water into wine. Jesus' first sign. Who performed this miracle? We're used to telling this story focussing only on Jesus' role. Jesus turns water into wine. Jesus performs his first miracle.

If we look a little more closely at the text, if we notice those we all too often overlook, we see that this does not tell the whole story. Jesus turns water into wine but Jesus is not the only actor in this story.

There are the servants who fill the jars with water and take some of the water which had become wine to the chief steward, without their efforts there would have been no water in the jars in the first place.

There is the chief steward who tastes the wine who alerts the bridegroom to the quality of wine he is about to serve, without his testimony the miracle may have gone unnoticed in the hubbub of the party.

There is the mother of Jesus, who *notices*. She notices that the wine has run out and alerts Jesus. Without her observation there would be no need for Jesus to provide the wine that demonstrates who Jesus is.

Contained within this Gospel are important lessons for how we are lived to live as Christians. We are called, like the mother of Jesus, to notice. To be attentive to really what is going on.

When we notice, when we see those who are overlooked, we enable the kinds of miraculous transformation which is at the centre of our Gospel reading this morning.

What's more, this morning's Gospel teaches us that we can't do this on our own. Not even Jesus performed his first miracle on his own. He called on those attendants and chief steward. He drew on the observation of his mother and the invitation of those who invited him to the wedding. Each of these has a role to play.

Here at St Peter's each of us has a role to play. It's easy to focus on those with visible roles. The Vicar or those on the PCC, but God is calling each of us to do something in the life of our community. No matter how small, each and everything we do in the life of our church family has its part to our play in the miracle of Christian community we create each day and every week.

Each of us has a role to play in our worship, especially in our Eucharist, the miraculous transformation of bread and wine into Christ's body and blood, God's very presence with us, which is at the heart of our life together.

Each of us has a role to play. Everything we do - no matter how small - is vital for our life together. 'There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.'

What is God calling you to do? Who in our community is overlooked or unnoticed? Where are we, like Mary, called to notice - to see what others fail to see? Who and what is God calling us to notice today? What gifts has God given *you* to fulfil the unique role he is calling you to play in our life here at St Peter's?