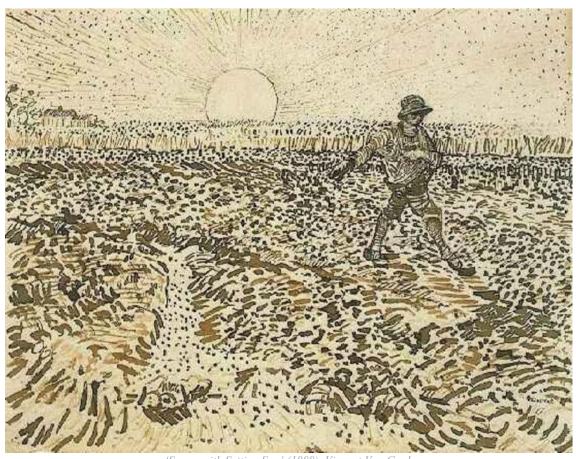
Welcome to ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL

Diocese of Melbourne - Anglican Church of Australia Parish Church of the City since 1846



'Sower with Setting Sun' (1888), Vincent Van Gogh

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 16 JULY 2023

WORSHIP AT ST PETER'S

SUNDAY

8.00am Low Mass (Traditional Language) 9.30am FAMILY MASS 11.00am HIGH MASS

6.00pm Evensong & Benediction (2nd & 4th Sundays).
6.00pm Low Mass (1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays)

WEEKDAYS

Daily Low Mass – 8.00am Monday to Friday (Live streamed on Facebook and YouTube) Wednesday – 1.15pm & Saturday 12noon Low Mass in the Handfield Chapel.

DAILY INTERCESSIONS

FOR THE SICK: Simon & Pen Gutteridge, Judith Ryles, Allie, Roger Boey, Rob Berryman, Susanne Marsden, Sue Tan, Christie O'Connor, Terry Maher, Robert Saliba, Nelson Rufatt, Janine Stewart, Bp John Stewart, Fr Rob Whalley, Bp John Parkes.

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED Austin Cooper Pr, Bruno Lezzi, Frances Joan Wellam, John Capp, Wendy Hudson Pr, Margaret Boyle.

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK

- July 16 Gladys Bilston, Lilla Brocklebank, Donald Edgar Pr., Geraldine Urani de Kretser, Harold Robert Fredding, Mary Eleanor Maud Hawks, Alan Pierce
 - 17 Martha Cook, James Tilly, Leila Tulloh

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- 19 John Joseph Banks, Helen Blakston, Walter Bull, John Gordon, Alex Keamy, Muriel Lord, Hubert Neville
- 20 Gertrude Dahle, Doris Draper, Georgina Gibbard, Edmund (Ted) Gielis, Sr Maree CHN, Cora Willat, Melva Wyatt
- 21 Margaret Blackwell, James Richmond, Esther Elizabeth Taylor
- 22 Constance Camilatos, John Chessels, Grace Colgrave, Elsie Cousens, Dorothy Isabel Fearon, Graeme Hesketh, Clare Mary Kempster, Stanley Harold Moule, Harry Reynolds Smythe Pr.

Please contact Eugene Chin at the Parish Office or email office@stpeters.org.au to have names added to the sick list. They will remain on our prayer list for one month unless requested to be extended.

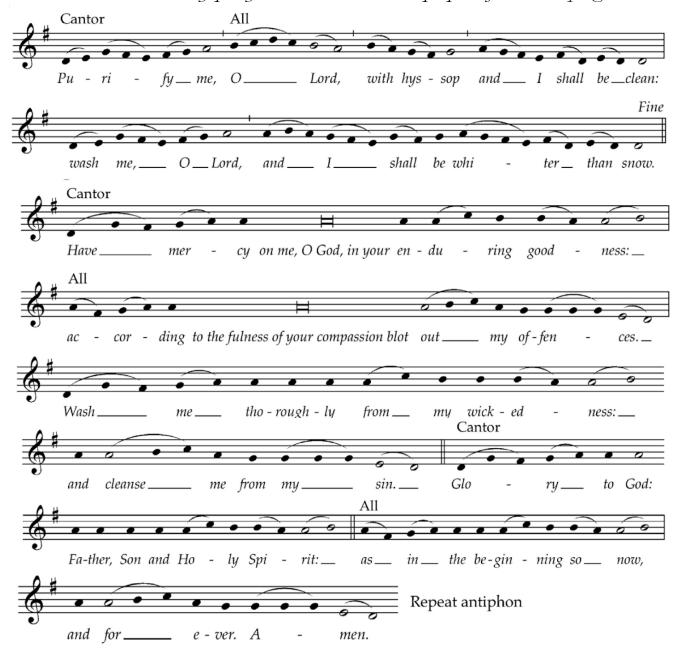
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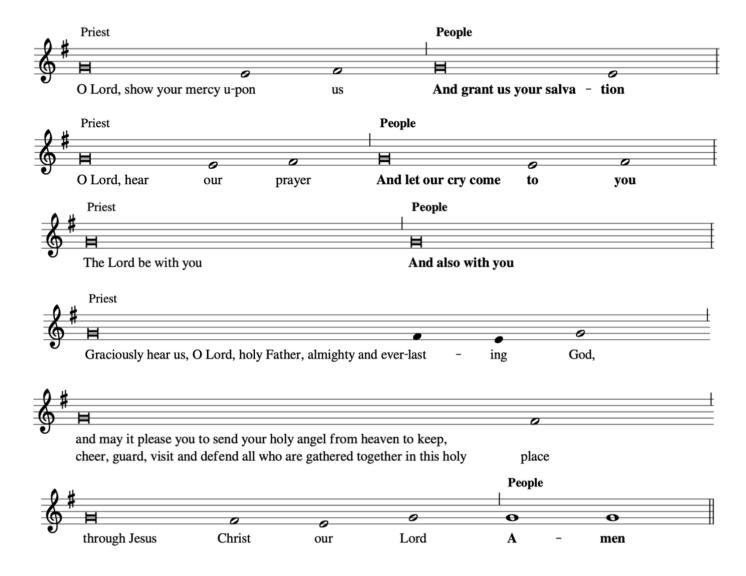
Mass setting: K. Leighton (1929-88) Communion Service in D

Introit Hymn: NEH 440 (omit *) Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

At 11.00am the sanctuary party enters the chancel to prepare for the Asperges.



The sanctuary party re-enters the chancel. The celebrant intones the responsory.



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

V. Hear, O Lord, my just cause, attend to my cry, give ear unto my pleading.

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; ...

Celebrant:

In the name of the Father, ♣ and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Lord be with you **And also with you.**

Please kneel

The Deacon introduces the Confession:

Merciful God: Our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The celebrant pronounces the Absolution.

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Kyries are sung at 9.30am and sung by the choir at 11.00am

Kyrie eleison

Christe eleison

Christ have mercy

Kyrie eleison

Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy

Please then stand for the Gloria which is sung by the choir.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand
of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
+ in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Celebrant prays the Collect.

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Please sit for the readings.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah 55.10-13

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth,

making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

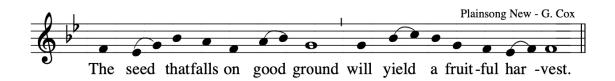
12 For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 65



You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain. **R.**

For so you have prepared the earth: you water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth. **R.**

You crown the year with your bounty; your pathways overflow with richness. The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy. **R.**

The meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy. **R.**

THE EPISTLE: Romans 8.1-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

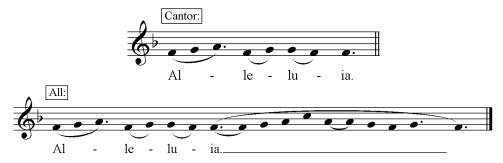
⁸There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit* of life in Christ Jesus has set you* free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin,* he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.* ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit* set their minds on the things of the Spirit.* ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit* is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit,* since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit* is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ* from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through* his Spirit that dwells in you.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

Deacon:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

♣ Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹³That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears* listen!'

¹⁸ 'Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no

root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away.* ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Please sit for the Homily by Mthr Pirrial Clift

Please stand for the Creed.

[A copy of the music for the Sung Creed is available at the back of the church.]

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please kneel. After each petition:

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

And at the end:

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.

And let light ★ perpetual shine upon them.

Celebrant:

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers. Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand for the Greeting of Peace. Celebrant:

We are the body of Christ. **His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON [Sung by the choir]

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Offertory hymn NEH 263 (omit *) All creatures of our God and King

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Celebrant:

Blessed are you, Lord God... Blessed be God forever.

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his Holy Church.

The Celebrant prays the Prayer over the Offerings. People respond with Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Please kneel. The celebrant continues the prayer.

At 11.00am the choir sings the Sanctus.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
+ Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The celebrant continues the prayer, leading to:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith

and

now

for

er.

men.





Celebrant:

We who are many are one body.

For we all share in the one bread.

All remaining kneeling as the Agnus Dei is sung by the choir.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant:

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb. Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Communicant members of any Christian church are invited to receive the sacrament. All others are very welcome to come forward for a blessing.

COMMUNION MOTET Sung by the choir.

C. Wood (1866-1926) Expectans expectavi

This sanctuary of my soul, Unwitting I keep white and whole, Unlatch'd and lit, if Thou should'st care To enter or to tarry there.

With parted lips and outstretch'd hands, And list'ning ears Thy servant stands. Call Thou early, call Thou late, to Thy great service dedicate. My soul, keep white, and whole. C.H. Sorley (1895-1915)

Please stand for the Post-Communion hymn.

NEH 262 We plough the fields and scatter

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Celebrant sings the final prayer, leading to:

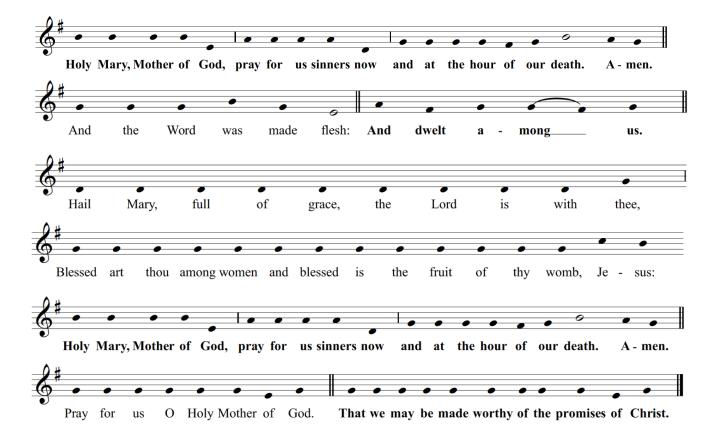
Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

The Celebrant offers the blessing and the Deacon dismisses the congregation:

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.





Let us pray. We beseech thee O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that as we have known the incarnation of thy son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Sanctuary party processes to the West door for the final prayers and dismissal.

PostludeJ. G. Walther (1684-1748) Lobe den Herren

If you are a new parishioner, or a visitor to St Peter's, please introduce yourself to the clergy at the door as you leave the church. All are welcome for refreshments after the Mass in the Parish Hall.

Readings for

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost OS16

Isaiah 44.6-8; Psalm 86; Romans 8.12-25; Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

NOTICES

Parish PO Box NO longer in use.

Please do NOT send any letters or documents to our old PO Box, as it has been closed and no longer in use. All post should be addressed to 15 Gisborne Street, East Melbourne VIC 3002

For your Diary

Ethics of Health Care Funding – A Conversation and Book Launch (Wednesday 1 November 2023 4.00pm)

Our own Stephen Duckett will be having his book launch on this date, please go to Trybooking for more details and to book.

https://www.trybooking.com/CJGIE

Pre-Raphaelites and In the Company of Morris - Art Gallery of Ballarat, Saturday July 29th.







Pre-Raphaelites

Would you like to come along with a group of us from St Peter's to see the exhibition Pre-Raphaelites: Drawings and Watercolours from the Ashmolean Museum Oxford, and In the Company of Morris? These two exhibitions are on at the Ballarat Art Gallery of Ballarat. I've bought 10 tickets which are \$20 each. The plan is to meet there at 11am. We can enter as a group or separately. Tickets are valid all day (from 10am) and allow patrons to enter and exit the exhibition at any time.

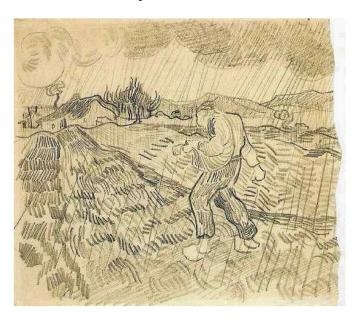
Talk to Carol or leave your details in the Bookroom, if you would like to purchase one of these tickets and come along!

Carol O'Connor

Congratulations to Carol O'Connor.

Carol has completed four years of the Exploring Faith Matters [EFM] program. This is a significant achievement. The EfM group started out as a face to face group but of course had to negotiate covid which we did through zoom. Carol brought much wisdom to the group as participants engaged in study and reflection of scripture, church history, theology and ethics. Fr Greg will present Carol with her graduation certificate at morning tea after our 11am High Mass.

Weekly Reflections



Enclosed Field with Sower in Rain' (1890) by Vincent Van Gogh

From Philip Harvey:

Vincent Van Gogh made many paintings and drawings of the Sower throughout his comparatively short sunburst of creative life. It had vital meaning for him, starting with copies of Jean-François Millet's renowned painting, but soon breaking out into all sorts of original versions. His output was prodigal and prodigious.

Reception of Van Gogh's art once focussed on his stylistic revolutions, his expressionist impressionism, and his mental health. In recent years the focus has shifted to his vision of humanity in creation, the challenges of working people, his religious vocation.

Van Gogh started out with a calling to pastoral ministry. He was led by the Spirit to work in grim mining districts, but an intense personality and social missteps meant his ministry was a disaster. Meanwhile, he was testing his skills as an artist, working beside dedicated Dutch painters and developing rapidly. When the crunch came in his parish work, Van Gogh landed up in Paris, at the very centre

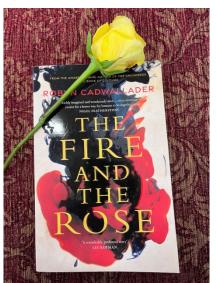
of a French art phenomenon. He may have left Reformed clergy life behind, but his calling became very clear and his devotion, fervent. By the time Vincent winds up in Provence, it's all happening.

His Sower is always striding across a tilled open field. Nothing falls on the path for birds to eat, or on rocky ground, or among thorns where it will be choked. Van Gogh knew his Scripture, what was sown on good soil "is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty." (Matthew 13: 23) Van Gogh is the very picture of someone who finds his talent and turns it into a prolific gift offered to others, regardless of cost. Whether with overtly religious subjects, or anything else he created, his religious calling is close at hand. After all, what's religion?

It sounds Romantic, the penniless master who only sold one painting in his life. It isn't Romantic, it is the fulfilment of a calling to spread the word by the means he knows best, in the belief his work will reach others and change them, help make them see. Psalm 119 in its microcosm verses 107-109 is one way of appreciating the life and example of this pastor turned artist: "I am severely afflicted; give me life, O Lord, according to your word. Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach me your ordinances. I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law."

St Peter's Bookroom & Church Supplier

New Book now in stock!



The Fire and the Rose by Robyn Cadwallader

From the award-winning and critically acclaimed author of **The Anchoress** and **Book of Colours**, comes a vibrant, richly imagined and deeply moving novel set in the turbulent world of thirteenth-century England.

England, 1276: Forced to leave her home village, Eleanor moves to Lincoln to work as a housemaid. Prickly, independent and stubborn, her prospects are blighted by a port-wine birthmark across her face. She has fine skills with ink and quill, and harbours a secret ambition to work as a scribe, a profession closed to women.

Eleanor discovers that Lincoln is a dangerous place, divided by religious prejudice. When she falls in love with Ash, a Jewish spicer who shares her passion for

books, she is pulled into the dark depths of the church's machinations against Jews and the king issues an edict expelling all Jews from England.

Vivid, rich, deep and sensual, **The Fire and the Rose** is a tender and moving novel about how language, words and books have the power to change and shape lives. It is also a call to recognise how much we need the other, the one we do not understand, making it a strikingly resonant and powerfully hopeful novel for our times.

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