

Biblical Images of Pastoral Care

Throughout the Bible various images are used for the love and care God, both Father and Son, have for the world.

Shepherd:

OT: Isaiah 40:11; Ezekiel 34:15-16; Psalm 23

NT: Luke 1:3-7; John 10:1-18; 1 Peter 5:2-4; Revelation 7:17

Servant:

OT: The Servant Songs of Isaiah: 42.1-9; 49.1-6; 50.4-9; 52.13 - 53.12; Isaiah 61.1-3

NT: Matthew 25:31-40; Mark 10:42-45; John 13:1-17; 2 Corinthians 4:5; Galatians 5:3-14

Fool:

OT: Isaiah 20; Jeremiah 13:1-11; Ezekiel 5:1-12; Hosea 1:2-9

NT: Matthew 16:24-26; Luke 6:27-30; 1 Corinthians 3:18-20; 1 Corinthians 4:9-13

Wounded healer:

OT: Isaiah 53:5

NT: Luke 22:40-46 & 23:33; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; 2 Corinthians 1:5-7; Philippians 2:5-11

Pastoral Care and the Anglican Five Marks of Mission

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
3. To respond to human need by loving service
4. To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth¹

¹ <https://www.anglicancommunion.org/mission/marks-of-mission.aspx>

How do these pictures speak to you of Pastoral Care?



Rembrandt's Return of the Prodigal Son²



Feed my lambs, feed my sheep³:



Jesus washes Peter's Feet: ⁴

² https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Rembrandt_Harmensz_van_Rijn_-_Return_of_the_Prodigal_Son_-_Google_Art_Project.jpg

³ [https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:\(1\)Our_Lady_Star_of_the_Sea_Catholic_Church-6.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:(1)Our_Lady_Star_of_the_Sea_Catholic_Church-6.jpg)

⁴ https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Jesus_washing_Peter%27s_feet.jpg