

# A LETTER FROM REV RONA

## *Speaking Out, Speaking Truth*

Summer stirs a sense of openness—long evenings, gentle conversations, space to breathe. It's in that spirit that I've been reflecting on the simple yet radical act of speaking the truth.

It isn't always easy. Saying what's honest can be uncomfortable, even costly. But I'm constantly moved by how many people in our community carry a fierce sense of justice. Even if Church isn't part of their weekly rhythm, that flame—the one that seeks what's right—is still burning.

At its heart, that longing for justice is profoundly Christian. Jesus called us to build a world where love and truth shaped our communities, where we cared boldly for one another. Faith isn't a performance—it's a practice. Speaking up. Standing beside. Telling the truth, especially when it's inconvenient.



Bishop Mariann Budde reminds me of this. She's known for speaking clearly and bravely in public spaces, standing not for division but for dignity. On September 14th, she'll be at St Martin-in-the-Fields to give a lecture on justice—you can book now for an online or in person ticket.

Even here we've seen this courage. Notably those who work tirelessly for farmers and their animals, for the environment, and recently those who travelled to London to speak out about the humanitarian crisis in Palestine—all of these are living examples of truth-telling in action.

So, as we enjoy the warmth and community of summer, may we find the courage to speak, even softly, when it matters. Truth doesn't always shout. Sometimes it whispers with grace.

*With love  
Rev Rona*