

Sermon Notes from 6.30pm service 13 December 2009

Reading Luke 2 v 1-7

It my job to clean out the animals. It's my job to keep things clean-ish and to feed them. So I did and I do. Always. Door open light pours in. Water. Feed. Sweep sweep, shovel. Clean all the muck and leave the food and water ready.

Of course that night we were super busy. Did I clean it? Yes I did but not up to my usual high standards I have to say. We were too busy. So when my boss said show them round the back to the cave. I thought o blimey hope they will be alright.

Her massive and both of them exhausted. I took them round. The smell was not too bad. Considering. Warm-ish well out of the wind and secure. Somewhere to stop and lay down certainly.

I felt ashamed that that was the best we could do. Yes I know the whole town was heaving and that it was better than nothing but still not exactly hospitable.

So in a lull I went back in. Well I started to go back in. But as I got outside the door I could hear that things were on the move. There was shouting and panting and I thought – no I'll go back to work. I'll come back later.

So I went back to work. Busy- we never stopped. Till it was all over and the last one settled for the night and no more money to be made. Then I just flopped in my sleeping space and slept. Not long enough of course. So as the day dawned it was back to work again. Grab some food and get to the cave to clean it out. It always hits you the smell of it. So what animals. I went in. Feeling like I was intruding. They were all awake. All 3 of them. I am not a great one for babies. I nodded at him- or her who

can tell. I got on with my cleaning. Shovelling sweeping. Sweeping shovelling. Gave them a nod and I left.

Seem like a pleasant family. Glad she has got through the birth OK. Bet he does not know what has hit him.

Hope it's not as busy today as yesterday. I have got so much to do today. My boss will be on at me but at least I am one step ahead of him having done the stable. Great. Now my head is full of all the jobs. But I keep thinking there is something that I have missed. No don't think so. What could it be? I did the stable better than yesterday. Still I have the feeling I have missed something. I bet it will pop into my head later any way-onward and upward. I have got too much to do to sit here talking all night.