

## Deacon's Beacons

January 4, 2021

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” Matthew 11:28–30

These two verses are unique to Matthew. The image is something that we cannot understand simply because it is so far removed from our daily experience. But that would not have been the case for Jesus' listeners. The yoke is carved, by a carpenter, to fit a specific animal. It is “custom-made” and will sit comfortably as long as the animal is going in the right direction. If it wanders off course, the yoke will rub and guide the animal back into the correct path. A yoke is never to be carried by one. It is always shared. Jesus Himself is offering to help us to carry our burdens by assisting us with the yoke that He offers. Take Him up on His invitation.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

Deacon Mike