

"He has *filled* the hungry with *good* things"

Wisdom from the Food Pantry

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He has filled the hungry with good things!

Has he now!

So who is this 'he?'

I'd like to meet him.

I've got a few things to tell him.

Cos, I'm starving, not full.

Good things, you say.

I'd like some good things.

Where can I find them?

Our food pantry is amazing

We have a right laugh

It's full of noise

Full of chat

Everyone's struggling just the same

Free potatoes this week, bags and bags of free potatoes.

At our food pantry, your more than just a name.

People really know each other's stuff. (the accurate word was 'shit').

We're starving God

Starving for people to notice we are struggling.

We're empty God

Empty cupboards and empty bellies

We're tired God

Tired of not having enough to live.

Luke's Prologue (some notes)

Luke writes to Theophilus, 'the one who loves God'. I wonder if he is hoping all his readers will love God. What does it mean to love God? The beautiful song of Mary reminds us of the other songs of Jewish women, Miriam (Ex 15) Deborah (Judges 5) and Hannah (1 Samuel 2), women, who all sang of the wonders of God, and were active agents in bringing about change. A pregnant woman, her own body full, proclaims God's desire for the hungry to be filled. Salvation isn't about getting into heaven. The text is specific - hungry people will be liberated and filled with 'good things.' When the world is as God intends it to be, no one will starve. Mary sang prophetic words. Will we hear her song again, this advent? Millions of people in the UK will be without warmth and food, if we love God, how will we respond? Will God's people and God's church be places people can find the *good things*?