**I was born and came into the world for this one purpose, to speak about the truth**. (John 18.37)

We learn three things from this TEXT.

[1] Jesus came into the world

Next week we begin Advent leading to Christmas, and once again remember the coming of Jesus.

Lots of preparation to be done for Christmas- think about what they will be for you, or used to be years gone by. God too prepared for this – Jesus came at the *right* time, the time God chose.

[2] Jesus had one purpose

Why did Jesus come? There could be many answers – to save the world, to show God’s love, to bring forgiveness. Here Jesus says he came for one purpose which is not against all of these, but still not quite the same as any of them.

[3] Speaking the truth

Truth can sometimes hurt, but God’s truth, though painful, has a purpose: reconciliation.

This week I was ‘virtually’ at Methodist Conference. At Conference there is constant need for reconciliation – Maori/pakeha, English & *pasifika*, church and society, justice, as well as resolution of particular problems. This week we wrestled over climate justice in particular and how parishes could respond positively. The truth and how to live it can be painful, but if we do not hear the truth how can we live it and grow through it?