

Precis of Rev Michael Brooks Sermon “Droops in the Garland

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Rev. Michael Brooks, in his sermon “Droops in the Garland” used the image of a drooping garland to talk about the “in-between times” in the lives of some of the biblical characters, such as Noah, as well as in the life of the church. Importantly, he described the in-between times in Christ’s life - between the time of his baptism and the beginning of his ministry and between his crucifixion and his resurrection. He challenged us to think about the in-between times in our own lives and what supports and sustains us – the pegs that hold up the garland while living through the “droops”. As Christians, we are living between the familiar and the completely unknown. In essence, we are living in God’s waiting room. But the God of love is present as much in those ordinary times as in the extraordinary events of our lives.