



Team Parish of Christ the King St Aidan's, Brunton Park

Sunday 6th February 2022
Fourth Sunday before Lent

Today's readings offer two pictures of a call to follow God. First Isaiah's vision in the Temple as he receives his commission to go and speak God's word to God's people. Then the calling of the disciples as Jesus leads them to an abundant catch of fish and then calls them to 'fish for people'.

And as we read these two passages together we might notice a pattern that emerges. First there is an experience of the wonder of God, of his bounty and his beauty. Of glory and holiness in the Temple, of abundance and provision in a miraculous catch of fish. So too we might start our journey of discipleship with an experience of the goodness of God. We discover in our own lives that God is bountiful and beautiful and we see something of his glory, whatever shape that might take.

Then there is disbelief and a sense of unworthiness. Isaiah says 'Woe is me!...I am a man of unclean lips.' Peter says: 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.' Perhaps we too might wonder who we are to speak for God in the world? Who are we to draw others into the net of his love when we're not sure we're worthy of it ourselves? Who are we to call ourselves disciples when we continue with our doubts and worries?

But finally comes the call. An angel touches Isaiah's lips and his 'sin is blotted out'. Jesus says to Peter 'Do not be afraid, from now on you will be catching people.' Each is called as they are, in all their flaws and failures. Each is asked only to follow. The work of God in them is enough. And just the same the work of God in us is enough. All we are asked to do, uncertain, unworthy, unwilling as we may feel, is trust in God and say with Isaiah, 'Here I am; send me!'



First Reading: Isaiah 6.1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.'

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

Gospel: Luke 5.1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon 7.30pm, Zoom: **Bible Study Group**

Wed 10.00am, Church: **BCP Midweek Eucharist**

Fri 5pm, Zoom (church code below): **Food for Thought**

Sun 13th 9.30am, Church: **Parish Eucharist Third Sunday before Lent**

Rev'd Ray Devenney Leading and Preaching (Gerard not in church)

Readings from: Jeremiah 17.5-10 ; 1 Corin 15.12-20 ; Luke 6.17-26

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 18th Feb 6.15pm: **Food for Thought, in Church**

Wed 23rd Feb. 12pm: **Lunch Group at the Rugby Club**

NOTICES

SUNDAY SERVICE – today's live broadcast link is <https://bit.ly/4beforeLent22>

AFGHANISTAN FUNDRAISING - please note that there will be a special collection in today's service which will go towards our fund raising for the people of Afghanistan. Along with cash payments, church now also has a machine which will take card payments. If this is easier for you, please do use it, or ask for assistance if necessary.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT - will be meeting in person again on Friday 18th Feb at 6.15pm in Church! It'll be a monthly service joining with our youth group and encouraging one another with informal worship followed by discussion over a meal. Do join us even if you've never been before, all are welcome!

PARISH CHOIR - we hope to resurrect our parish choir for an evening service on Sunday 6th March. All are welcome, both old members and new, although some basic music reading skills are needed as rehearsal time will be very limited. Please email Chris Clinch on cclinch164@btinternet.com if interested, giving an indication whether you are Soprano, Alto, Tenor or Bass.

LUNCH GROUP - will meet on Wednesday 23rd Feb at 12pm at the Rugby Club. Please see Pat or Pauline if you wish to join us.

STARLIGHT AND CANDLELIGHT - words and music for the Epiphany season. Sunday 30th January at Holy Saviour's Tynemouth at 6pm with the Colla Voce Chamber Choir.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP - the group has resumed on Monday's at 7:30pm via Zoom with a series looking at Genesis 1-11 the opening chapters of the Bible the Tower of Babel, chapters that are at the heart of our Christian understanding of the beginnings of our world. But do they have anything to say to us today in the scientific age of the 21st century? Join us using Meeting ID: 881 6875 9104, Passcode: StABSG or <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88168759104?pwd=SFFWOUVUzT1p2RXZ2dnBPbXZGMGxWdz09> or contact Ken Newitt (kmnewitt@outlook.com) for more details

ZOOM CODES – all our Zoom sessions will use only the following details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7573778713?pwd=NGVjcTRLQjBEaStqYjFDSm1KOURtQT0>

Meeting ID: 757 377 8713 Passcode: StAidan

BOOKING ZOOM MEETINGS: if you would like to use the St Aidan's Zoom account for a church meeting, please contact Janice

CHURCH CORONAVIRUS RESTRICTIONS – when attending a service, please wear a face mask, sanitise your hands on entering church, and maintain at least a one metre distance.

USED STAMPS – if you have any used stamps, please save them and put them in the box at the back of church to raise fund for St Oswald's Hospice.

CHURCH OPENING – church is now open during the day, every day. Please come in at any time for some quiet time or prayer.

FOOD BANK – a little reminder that we still collect for the foodbank. There is a box at the back of church for donations.

DONATIONS - to make a donation to St Aidan's, please use the following link: <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/8a599239-a9bd-4136-8b4b-1dcabb0a2c65>

For Our Prayers: St Aidan's Cycle of Prayer

For the church – Particularly for Churches in our Deanery: Jesmond Parishes. Within our church we pray for our Local Ministry Group and Pastoral Care Group, Eco church Group and Social Committee.

For the world – Particularly for Afghanistan and its people, for our own national and political life. For Queen Elizabeth II on the 70th anniversary of her Accession. In our community for Brunton Park Medical Centre, local shops and businesses

For those in particular need - Gladys Johnston, Sheila Lonie and Adrienne Tulip.

For those who have died and those who grieve – For Celia, Ruth Hewett's mum. On their anniversaries: Doreen Chapman, Francis Inglis, Ethel Chandler

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