

Reflection :- 4 Before Lent Luke 5:1-11

What was Jesus teaching His followers?
What does it teach us? Is it to show that
if we are faithful in small things, then we will
be trusted to do greater things?

Living to God's glory might place demands on
our lives, and yet Jesus saw the potential in
these simple fishermen, all it needs is that little
nudge and that vision to see what is possible.

There are many roads to God, and each of us
are called, and God waits for our response.
Remember, the Church grew from just 12
Disciples who were with Jesus and who wanted
others to know Him.

Our lives seem to be "invaded" each day from
adverts for so much that we couldn't "possibly
do without", but could we do without God?

We are the best advertisement for God and for
our faith by the way we live our lives and wit-
ness to what we believe.

Fr Terry



NEXT SUNDAY 16.02.2025 3rd Sunday before Lent
10.30am in the Hall

READINGS: OT Jeremiah 17: 5-10
NT 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20
GOSPEL Luke 6: 17-26



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St Thomas, Exeter

9th February 2025

Fourth Sunday before Lent

10.30am in the Hall

Today

Sung Eucharist

Hymn Numbers

266 Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult

235 I, the Lord of sea and sky

30 And can it be

Wednesday 12th February

10am Holy Communion (BCP)

Thursday 13th February

9.30-11am St Thomas Tots

10.30-12noon Knit & Natter. 19 Maple Rd
Details from Jenny. 01392 498725

Friday 14th February

9.30am Morning Prayer

10am Staff Meeting

12noon Funeral of Martin Sturt at St Paul's
Chapel, Exeter Crematorium



Collect

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Isaiah 6: 1-8 (9-13)

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!'[And he said, 'Go and say to this people: "Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand." Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed.' Then I said, 'How long, O Lord?' And he said: 'Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; until the Lord sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. Even if a tenth

part remains in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled.' The holy seed is its stump.

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Luke 5: 1-11

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.

Post Communion

Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

NOTICES

Warm Space will return on Thursdays, from 3pm in the Hall. Tea, coffee and biscuits and a chance to meet other people. A start date will be announced once the administration has been completed. A rota is being prepared to see if this is still feasible for February and March. We are very grateful for the volunteers who have come forward.

Poems for the Path Ahead: Quiet Morning Tuesday 11th February, 10am-1pm St Stephen's. This half-day retreat gives you the chance to read and maybe write poetry. Beginners and experts welcome. £10 per person To book please email helen@helenevans.co.uk proceeds to Second Sight, a charity working with blind people in India.