



## The Parish of Kenfig Hill

*St Theodore St Colman*



### The Fourth Sunday before Lent

Dear Friends,

Today's Gospel begins with Jesus getting into a boat and teaching the crowds from offshore. After he finished teaching, Jesus tells Simon to put out into deep water and to lower their nets. However, that was the last thing Peter wanted to hear. They had been fishing all day long and had caught nothing! Peter was tired and frustrated. He was ready to go home and rest. However, after a time Peter reluctantly says: "at your request I will lower the nets." To Peter's great surprise they caught so many fish their nets began to tear!

Although Peter had been fishing all night and caught nothing, he still trusts Jesus (not a professional fisherman, interestingly) enough to try for one last time and is astounded by the results. As at the Wedding at Cana from a few weeks ago, the abundance in this miracle story shows us of God's abundant love for us. Although Peter protests his sinfulness, Jesus still calls him, emphasising to us that God can use anybody, even 'sinners'.

What evidence is there that Simon Peter was a leader even before Jesus chose him to be a leader among the disciples? (Jesus chose his boat to teach from, he spoke for all the fishermen, and the other fisherman responded to his directions.) To whom was Jesus speaking when he spoke about "catching men?" (Simon Peter) Is Simon Peter the only one who followed Jesus? (No. Simon Peter's partners, James and John, and all the fishermen put aside their nets and followed Jesus.) What does Jesus say will be Simon Peter's new job? (Jesus told him that he would now catch people.) Already we see Simon Peter doing this: Jesus called

Simon Peter, and all the fishermen chose to become Jesus' followers as well.

Simon Peter was a leader, a person of influence among his friends. Jesus chose him to be a leader among the disciples. We know that he continued to be a leader in the early Christian community. His influence led many people to become followers of Jesus. In what ways can we have a positive influence on others? (through kindness, by setting an example, by showing care, etc.) Our job as disciples of Jesus is to influence others in positive ways and to lead them to Jesus.

Most of us can identify with Peter! We too have times in our lives when it seems like we are not succeeding. We may be making great efforts to live life well. We may be working diligently and doing our best. However, these efforts don't seem to bear much fruit. At these times, it is natural to get disheartened and frustrated! However, will we be open and respond to Jesus' invitation to "keep lowering our nets?" Or will we say "enough is enough." Or will we listen to his call, heed his voice and trust him? May we pray for the grace to have an open mind and a willing heart!

With love and prayer as always,

Fr. Jon

### **MINISTRY AREA**

The Annual Vestry Meeting for our Ministry Area will take place on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, beginning with a Eucharist @ 7pm. In order to accommodate everyone, this will take place at All Saints, Victoria Avenue, Porthcawl. At this meeting Two Members of the Ministry Area Council for each Church will be elected having been proposed, seconded and nominated at the Church Congregational meeting preceding the Annual Vestry Meeting.

It is proposed a Church Congregational Meeting in Kenfig Hill is held next Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> February, immediately following the morning Eucharist.

## Continuing Covid Precautions

The First Minister has advised that Wales has returned to Alert Level Zero from 28 January. Social distancing is advisory again and the wearing of face coverings will continue to be a requirement in indoor public spaces. So please continue to

- Wear face masks inside the Church
- Continue to sanitise on the way in and on the way out of the Church.
- Continue to complete the 'Track & Trace Forms.'

Our services will still continue to be live-streamed.

## Services and Activities this week @ St Theodore's

**Tai Chi classes Mondays at 12.30 p.m. - £5 per session.**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Holy Eucharist @ 10am**

**Dance to Health classes will begin in St Theodore's from 1.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. NOTE NEW TIME!**

**£3**

**Dance to health®**

The falls prevention dance programme  
**New session in Kenfig Hill at St Theodore's Church**

- Fun and effective exercise
- Highly qualified dance instructors
- Follow along at your own level
- Social time included

**Wednesdays  
1.30-3.30pm**

*"I enjoyed it because I didn't realise how much mobility I still had, it gives me hope. It made me feel free."*  
Participant

St Theodore's Church, Kenfig Hill, Bridgend, CF33 6DU  
For more information call Lizzie on 07855 303 775 or email [lizziedavies-macmillan@ae-sop.org](mailto:lizziedavies-macmillan@ae-sop.org)

**Aesop**  
Art's Enterprise with a Social Purpose

[www.dancetohealth.org](http://www.dancetohealth.org) @dancetohealth

Keep Fit for over 50s - Fridays at 12 noon - £4 per session.

Coleman's Sunday Lunch

The next Sunday Lunch will be on Sunday 27th February 2022, @  
1:00pm.

The menu is available online or at the back of the church.



Mothers Union is now meeting on the first Wednesday of the month following the 10am Eucharist, all are welcome.



Please consider donating one of the following:

- Pot Noodles & Cup-a-Soup
- Part-baked baguettes/rolls
- Tinned Rice pudding
- Tinned Fruit (peaches/pears/fruit salad)
- Savoury snacks (crackers/crisps/peanuts)
- Instant Mash
- Tinned Ham
- Long Life Fruit Juice
- Instant Coffee small jars
- Ketchup
- Hot Chocolate
- Toothpaste
- Toilet paper
- Household Cleaning Products



*Thank you!*

**THEOS**

Theo's continues to accept new donations at the back entrance

## PARISH WEBSITE

Our website can be found at:- [www.st-theodores-church.org](http://www.st-theodores-church.org)

You will find lots of links, videos and other information as well as the weekly sheet.

DIGITAL SICK LIST -If you would like to add anyone to the sick list you can now do this via the website on the Services Page.

KEEP YOURSELF INFORMED - If you would like information about news do please subscribe to the newsletter on the website at the bottom of the first page.

**Margaret Griffiths has written another instalment for the website concerning the History of St Theodore's - If you have any further memories, then please do add them on the website.**

Go to "About ' on the parish website toolbar and click on Learn More – [www.st-theodores-church.org](http://www.st-theodores-church.org)

### The 100 Club January Draw

Margaret Hopkin 37.

Carol Budding 53.

**The first draw for 2022 will be on Sunday, Feb. 27th. Don't miss it ! There is always room for new members, why not join us? For £1 per month, payable six monthly or annually, you can be part of the excitement every month. Your contribution helps us to keep St. Theodore's open and active.**

**A big thank you. Enid.**



### **NEW! - TEXT GIVING**

You can now donate to St. Theodores by text!

To donate £3 Text THEO 3 to 70470 Texts cost £3 plus one standard rate message

To donate £5 Text THEO 5 to 70470 Texts cost £5 plus one standard rate message

To donate £7 Text THEO 7 to 70470 Texts cost £7 plus one standard rate message

To donate £10 Text THEO 10 to 70470 Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message

To donate £20 Text THEO 20 to 70470 Texts cost £20 plus one standard rate message.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR Sick:** Lauren Williams, Adrian Cook, Caryl Hodge, David Loveluck, Marie Williams, Elliot Evans, Trevor Campbell, David Griffiths, Audrey Williams, Denzil Pugh, Heather Burgess, Nigel Thomas, Chloe Gibson, Marion Hearse, Marsden Lewis, Mandy Evans, Ann Loveluck, Stuart Brewer, Alan Brookes, Nadene Lyddon, Kay Roberts, Duncan Jenkins, Ann David, Kerry Rawnsion, Ron Davies, Nesta Harris, Aron Murray, Margaret Griffiths, Roma Kubel, Revd. Helen Rees, Maureen Crewe, Charlie Ford, Eileen George, Ann & Doug Peers, John Rees, Naomi Stowell, Liz Thompson, Jan Golding, Kyle Stewart, Stephanie Jones.

**Recent Departed:** Tess Thomas, Ronald Edward Watts.

**Anniversaries:** Agnes Lloyd, Trevor Hopkin, Mary Morgan, Dennis Portsmouth, Arthur Hughes.

### Daily prayer intentions

- Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>** - Newton Nottage, Porthcawl  
The Church of Ireland
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup>** - Pyle w Kenfig  
The Diocese of Karachi
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>** - Deanery of Neath  
The Diocese of Karamoja
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>** - St Padarn's Institute  
The Diocese of North Karamoja
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>** - Bro Nodffa Newydd Ministry Area  
The Diocese of Karimnagar
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup>** - Cilybebyll  
The Diocese of Karnataka Central
- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>** - Cadoxton-juxta-Neath & Tonna  
The Diocese of Karnataka North

### Daily Readings

**Mon** – 1 Kings 8. 1-7, 9-13, Psalm 132. 6-10, Mark 6. 53-56

**Tue** – 1 Kings 8. 22, 23, 27-30, Psalm 84, Mark 7. 1-13

**Wed** – 1 Kings 10. 1-10, Psalm 37. 1-7, 30, 31, Mark 7. 14-23

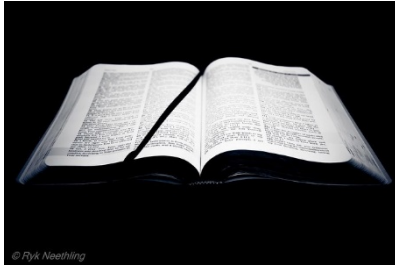
## **Teilo (6<sup>th</sup> Century), Bishop**

**Thu** – 1 Kings 11. 4-13, Psalm 132. 11-18, Mark 7. 24-30

**Fri** – 1 Kings 11. 29-32; 12. 19, Psalm 81. 8-16, Mark 7. 31-37

**Sat** – 1 Kings 12. 26-33; 13. 33-34, Psalm 106. 19-22, Mark 8. 1-10

### **Collect and Readings for the Fourth Sunday before Lent**



**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 and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **A reading from the Prophet 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!'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 138**

**R: Your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever.**

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods will I sing praise to you. I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name, because of your love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things. **R:**

In the day that I called to you, you answered me; you put new strength in my soul. All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth. **R:**

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord. Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly; as for the proud, he regards them from afar. **R:**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you will preserve me; you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand will save me. The Lord shall make good his purpose for me; your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever; forsake not the work of your hands. **R:**

### **A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians (15.1-11)**

Now 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Luke (5.1-11)

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Post Communion Prayer: 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.**

*Next Sunday – The Third Sunday before Lent*

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