

**First reading** 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord, where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 39(40):2,4,7-10

**R:** Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. **R:**

You do not ask for sacrifice & offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. **R:**

In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. **R:**

Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. **R:**

**Second reading** 1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20

The body is not meant for fornication: it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; do you think I can take parts of Christ's body and join them to the body of a prostitute? Never! But anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

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**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel** John 1:35-42

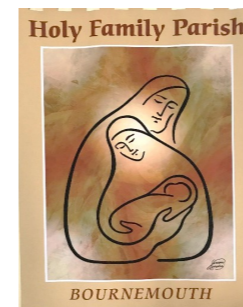
As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**THE PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, BOURNEMOUTH**

incorporating the churches of Christ the King, Kinson & St Bernadette's, Ensbury Park



The call of the young boy Samuel into the Lord's service is always a favourite. It is easy to imagine the boy lying, dozing on his mat in the half-darkness, hearing the voice murmur 'Shmuel' (the Hebrew form of his name).

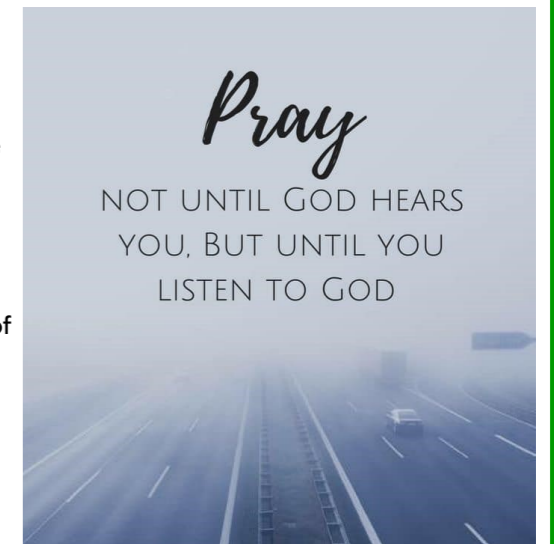
Was it really a call, was it the old prophet calling, or just the wind in the pillars of the Temple? He has all the directness, willingness and simplicity of a child, the sort of qualities needed for the Kingdom of God. Often, however, in the same way we do not know whether an 'inspiration' is really the call of God or our own imagination. Prayer and advice help in discerning the genuine call from a madcap scheme! Others may know us better than we know ourselves, and God's call is always fitted to our true nature.

Similarly, this story of the call of the first disciples takes place in the Jordan valley, where John was baptising. The first two to be called are disciples of John, so had joined his group of those waiting for the Messiah. They were ready when John pointed him out. It is striking that Jesus first calls them to be with him, and first of all they remain with him for a time.

First in our call to follow Christ comes prayer and getting to know Christ, before we can actively work for Christ and bring others to share his joy. Only after this repose with Jesus do they sprint off in their enthusiasm and bring others to join in the benefits they have received from the tranquillity of keeping company with Jesus. 'Come and See'.....

Lord, give me a listening heart.....

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**Together we are Church, together we are community, together we are Christ**

Dear Parishioners Today is PEACE DAY! Christian UNITY OCTAVE starts this week on Thursday. Bishop-Elect Christopher Whitehead shares his joy at the news of his appointment by the Holy Father, Pope Francis as Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Plymouth.

On Friday 15 December 2023, His Holiness Pope Francis appointed Canon Christopher Whitehead as the Tenth Bishop of the Diocese of Plymouth. In this special Christmas message, our Bishop-elect Fr Christopher reflects on St Francis in connection to the celebration of Christmas, and the symbolism found in the image of the crib that we cherish as Christians.

He also affirms that he holds us all 'very much in his prayer this Christmas' and hopes we hold him in ours as he embarks on a new journey in his 'ministry as a servant of the church.' He invites us to gather around the crib and 'gaze upon that child who reveals to us God's tremendous love, God's yes to humanity.'

You can find out more here: <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/a-new-bishop-for-the-diocese-of-plymouth/>

**90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Bernadette:** This Sunday we celebrate 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First Mass celebrated in St. Bernadette and Our Lady of Victories in Ensbury Park. Fr. Dennis Collin, the oldest priest in the Diocese was one of the first vocations from Ensbury Park and last year celebrated his 70th anniversary of his ordination. He has agreed to join us on this day at 11am mass.

**Jubilee Year:** Our Church across the world is excitedly preparing for the 2025 year of Jubilee. It will be year of great celebrations! Pope Francis, has called for "An Year of Prayer" and cherish a desire to proclaim the Good News. In order to proclaim the Good news, let us make an effort to read the whole Bible from Genesis to Revelation in an Year. Watch here for the schedule of Chapters to be read every day during the week:

- Sunday 14th January Genesis: 29
- Monday 15th January Genesis: 30
- Tuesday 16th January Genesis: 31
- Wednesday 17th January Genesis: 32-33
- Thursday 18th January Genesis: 34-35
- Friday 19th January Genesis: 36-37
- Saturday 20th January Genesis: 38-40



**Reflection:** "Andrew was deeply moved when he met Jesus. He found his brother Simon, and told him, "We have found the Messiah" (Jn 1:41)

An elderly man had just been admitted into a hospital for treatment. After the nurse made him comfortable, she asked him a few routine questions. One was "What is your religious preference?". The man looked at her and said; "I am awfully glad, you asked me that, I have always wanted to be a Catholic, nobody ever asked me before".

Andrew's sharing of his faith in Jesus and the old man's response to the nurse invite me to ask, What answer would I give to Jesus if He asked me why I don't share my faith with others more than I do?

Jesus Said "What I am telling you in the dark, you must repeat in broad day light. What you have heard in private, you must announce it from the housetops" (Mt. 10:27)

Fr. Chacko

**GIFT AID** A Gift Aid Declaration is the person's declaration that they wish for the church to reclaim tax on their gift. It can be made for a single donation or for multiple donations. It's easy!! The Parish needs funds and by gift aiding your contributions, it makes a huge difference. Please complete a form at the back of church and return it to the office. If you would like to pay by standing order/ direct debit, there are forms to set this up at the back of the church. Please consider your offering for our church, our parish...



Next Liturgy Group meeting

Monday 5th February  
7.15pm in StB Parish Room

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS**

Noel Harris, Kevin Moore, Margaret Simpson, Sheila Shelley, Tony Bateman, Les Netherton, Frances Smith, Anna Browne, Joeleyne & Peter Cotrel, Frances & Tony Herbert, The Carter family



DAY	CHURCH	TIME	CELEBRATION or FEAST DAY/ MEMORIAL
Sat 13	StB	6pm	Vigil Mass of the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>St Hilary</i>
Sun 14	CtK StB	9.30am 11am	Masses of the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>9.30am Mass Int: Bride Donovan RIP</i> <i>90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST MASS CELEBRATED AT ST BERNADETTE'S 1934</i>
Mon 15	StB	6pm	Adoration followed by Mass at 6.30pm
Tues 16	CtK	9am	Adoration followed by Mass at 9.30am
Wed 17			NO MASS <i>St Anthony</i>
Thur 18	CtK	9.30am	Mass <b>OCTAVE OF CHRISTIAN UNITY</b>
Fri 19	CtK StB	9.30am 7pm	Mass followed by the Divine Chaplet HOLY HOUR—adoration & prayer <i>St Wulstan</i>
Sat 20	StB	6pm	Vigil Mass of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>St Fabian &amp; St Sebastian</i>
Sun 21	CtK StB	9.30am 11am	Masses of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**MASS INTENTIONS** We can never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass. If you would like a Mass offered for your intention, please speak to Fr Chacko or Parish office. Mass request envelopes are at the back of church.

**GATHER 2024**  
The annual Conference unites people from across the Diocese of Plymouth and further afield for a weekend of faith, formation and friendship. This year, it is at Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay from Fri 23 – Sun 25 Feb.  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1FvkAtifpACGwz3CvLBQG0VR59brlyHxY08DvB6YViwM/edit>

**STAY AWAKE 2024 Adore + Abide + Arise**  
Community + Praise & Worship + Kids Activities + Workshops + Mass  
Tea + Coffee + Homemade cakes + Pizza

Annual Local Family Day (10am -7pm) is being held at All Saints CofE Academy, Sunnyside Road, Weymouth DT4 9BJ - More info & tickets  
0753 1266224 email: [stayawakejc@gmail.com](mailto:stayawakejc@gmail.com)  
[www.stayawakejc.com](http://www.stayawakejc.com)  
FREE— Y9 and under £12.50 for Y10 and adults

**KNITTING GROUP** is meeting again on a Thursday afternoon at 2pm in CtK Parish lounge. Come and join even if you are a beginner. If you cant attend, maybe you could knit items for the group to give to the Hope for Food charity?

**ST FRANCIS PRAYER GROUP**  
Monday 18th January  
All welcome  
Please contact Sharon on 07546959242

**PARISH QUIZ**  
Saturday 3rd February 7.30pm StB  
Contact Mike 07519932238 or malaika13@yahoo.co.uk  
Bring a bottle and some nibbles to make a great evening of friendship and laughter  
You can join a team or form a new one  
£2pp - Raffle £1 a strip of tickets

**OCTAVE of CHRISTIAN UNITY 18—25 January 2024**

The parable of the Good Samaritan is one of the best known passages of Scripture, yet one that never seems to lose its power to challenge indifference to suffering and to inspire solidarity. It is a story about crossing boundaries that calls our attention to the bonds that unite the whole human family. In choosing this passage of Scripture for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the churches of Burkina Faso have invited us to join with them in a process of self-reflection as they consider what it means to love our neighbour in the midst of a security crisis. Our neighbours in Burkina Faso call us to reconnect to God's dream for us – a dream of a unity formed of ties of love and compassion.

[www.ctbi.org.uk](http://www.ctbi.org.uk)

**Go and do likewise**

**HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY TO St BERNADETTE'S CHURCH !!**  
Celebratory Mass and lunch after at StB this Sunday.  
There will be a joint mass in April on the feast of St Bernadette