

## Beaminster Area Team

God our Father, renew our hope. By the Holy Spirit's power, strengthen us to pray readily serve joyfully and grow abundantly rejoicing in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Week: 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent**

**Old Testament: Isaiah 6: 1-8 [9-13]**

**Psalm: Psalm 138**

**New Testament: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11**

**Gospel: Luke 5:1-11**

### Reflection on the Gospel reading, written by Revd. Jo Neary

I wonder what Jesus taught when he borrowed Simon Peter's boat and used it as a base for his teaching. I wonder why Simon Peter was willing to go out to catch fish again even though he had already caught nothing? I wonder why Peter was so fearful in the face of such generosity, such a miraculous catch of fish? And I wonder what was so attractive, so enticing, so wonderful, so compelling that Peter and his friends were willing to leave everything and follow Jesus? What in this story makes you wonder?

And what does this story teach us about Jesus? Perhaps it reminds us of his presence with us in the everyday stuff of life. Perhaps it reminds us of his generosity and abundance. Perhaps it reminds us that we too are sinful and need his forgiveness. Perhaps it reminds us that the invitation to follow Jesus and to live his way is as much for us as it was for Simon Peter, James and John. Sit with this story awhile and let it teach you and let it help you wonder.

### Collect for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent

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.

### Worship to enjoy at home

BBC Radio 4, 8.10am Sunday Morning Worship, Songs of Praise BBC1 1.15pm

**A Useful Telephone Link from The Church of England.** This is a free number where you can listen to prayers, reflections and hymns and join in worship with others.

