



SUNDAY 30 JANUARY 2022

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Markinch and Thornton Parish Church

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4TH SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY

*Sunday morning services
will take place in Thornton
at 9:45am and in Markinch
at 11.15am*

*Our growing young people's
Sunday School is from
11.30 to 12.15am in
Markinch. For more
information get in touch.*

*Teas and coffees have
resumed in Markinch after
the service so please join us
for that time of fellowship.*

"TODAY THIS
SCRIPTURE IS
FULFILLED IN
YOUR HEARING"

LUKE 4:21

JOSEPH'S SON

This Sunday we are going to hear the second half of the story from a couple of weeks ago, of Jesus in teaching in his hometown. In this Sunday's Gospel reading the mood amongst the crowd changes. They have heard what this local boy, Joseph the Carpenter's son, has had to say. They liked that he was making a name for himself. They liked that he was a local boy doing well. They remembered him in short trousers (or should that be short tunic?), and here he is, speaking so eloquently, so forcefully about the scriptures. A proud moment indeed.

But hold on a minute, the easy-going message of before has changed, it has become a challenge, maybe even a rebuke, he is telling them to change their ways, to think differently, that what is happening isn't good enough. Who does he think he is? He's got a little bit too big for his boots!

Jesus expects this reaction, maybe even provokes it. he knows that a prophet is rarely heard in their hometown, he knows it would be very difficult for his fellow Nazarenes to accept him now that he is no-longer the boy they knew, but a man with a mission and a message to share.

This story is two thousand years old, but it could have happened last week. Human nature has changed very little in situations like this. None of us (myself most definitely included) like to be told what to do. Being challenged is hard, and even more so when it is coming from someone we knew as a child, or someone who we have known all their life. But this is the great challenge of Jesus, of the Gospel, of the whole Christian faith. It may be something we have always known; it may be so familiar that we give it little thought day to day. Nevertheless, if we are open to it, if we are willing to read or listen to the word of God, to the people of God, it can transform us, and through us, transform the world. We and the people around us, can be challenged, provoked, excited, and changed by this message.

So, my prayer this week, is that we each listen to the message of Jesus, and then that we may find some way, large or small, for it to challenge or change our lives.

With every blessing,
Conor



THIS SUNDAY NEW WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Readings this week are:

Old Testament: Jeremiah 1:4-10

New Testament: Luke 4:21-30

The theme of this week's all age message is 'Mitchell is Proud' and the sermon theme is 'Isn't that Joseph's son?'

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

We will be restarting our magazine soon, in the meantime, this newsletter will be weekly.

If you have any news, stories, or ideas that you would like added to it, please get in touch or send it to the minister on or before wednesday each week.

PICK A HYMN

Do you have a favourite hymn? Has it been a while since you heard it? Starting in March one hymn per week can be suggested by you.

If you have one (or more) you would like to hear please get in touch with the minister.

Weekly worship is at the heart of what we do as a church and if you are interested in being a part of what it looks like, the new Worship Committee may be for you.

The committee will discuss new ideas, what we do in our services, what they look like, what we like or don't like. It is a chance to think about how we worship God and reach out to our community.

So if you are interested, please speak to the minister or email:
cfegan@churchofscotland.org.uk

INTIMATIONS

Glenrothes Area Foodbank:

we continue to collect donations in both churches and all will be gratefully received.

The Sunday School appreciates the ongoing support of their sponsored child Surafel. There is a collection box in Markinch Church for any donations.

Covenanted Partnership Hub:

Volunteers are needed for an exciting new venture in the Kingdom Shopping Centre during Lent. The Covenanted Partnership is going to run a drop-in centre. This is a new project and it needs volunteers to make it a success, so please get in touch with the Session Clerk if you want further information or can give some time to it:
sessionclerk@markinchandthorntonchurch.org.uk



Next Sunday

The theme for next Sunday 6 February 2022 will be 'God revealed in community'

Readings:

Isaiah 6:1-8

Luke 5:1-11

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