

PEW NEWS

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2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Dear Friends

Will you come and follow me if I but call you name is a hymn that we sometimes sing in church. It is written by John Bell. It was published in 1987 and was originally called the summons.

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown?
Will you let my name be known?
Will you let my life be grown in you,
and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare,
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you
and you in me?

Will you let the blinded man see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen?
And admit to what I mean in you,
and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell that fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound in you,
and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go,
where your love and footsteps show,
thus I'll move and live and grow in you,
and you in me.

Both our readings today are about God calling people by their name. The calling of Samuel in our Old Testament reading show that a divine calling is personal (he is called by his name) and persistent (he is called three times). Christ is the one that calls and our Gospel reading is at the very start of Jesus' ministry when he summons the first disciples. Both readings force us to reflect on our own calling. Have we listened to and responded to God's call to us? Following a call will have consequences. Spend some time today reflecting on the words of John Bell's hymn above and what being called by God might mean for you.

Collect

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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.

Readings

1 Samuel 3.1–10

3 Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³ the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the Lord called, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ and he said, ‘Here I am!’ ⁵ and ran to Eli, and said, ‘Here I am, for you called me.’ But he said, ‘I did not call; lie down again.’ So he went and lay down. ⁶ The Lord called again, ‘Samuel!’ Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, ‘Here I am, for you called me.’ But he said, ‘I did not call, my son; lie down again.’ ⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸ The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, ‘Here I am, for you called me.’ Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, ‘Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, “Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.”’ So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ And Samuel said, ‘Speak, for your servant is listening.’

John 1.43–end

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, ‘Follow me.’ ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, ‘We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.’ ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, ‘Can anything good come out of Nazareth?’ Philip said to him, ‘Come and see.’ ⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, ‘Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!’ ⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, ‘Where did you come to know me?’ Jesus answered, ‘I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.’ ⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, ‘Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!’ ⁵⁰ Jesus answered, ‘Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.’ ⁵¹ And he said to him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.’

Services this week

Sunday 17th January (Epiphany 2)

Sunday service on Zoom

Joining details:

Time: Jan 17, 2021 10:30 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82960465833?pwd=bWtoMncweGU4VXB6YjVva3JHVEtzc09>

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Milborne Port February Magazine

We have decided to go ahead and get the February Magazine printed. During the March lockdown we reviewed the way we were distributing the magazine to do it in a safe way. We are very grateful to all our distributors who deliver to their neighbours.

The magazine will be available for the distributors to collect on the last Friday of January. However, we do realise that some of you may not feel happy about being out and about during this lockdown. Liz and Jacquie will be ringing you this week to check if you are happy. Please don't worry if you would rather not this month. We'll find someone to do it for you!

Also please do not try and collect any money this month. We will collect this later in the year.

Please note Church House is not open during the lockdown. We will let you know where and when to collect the magazine