

Stoke Poges Church

St Giles' and St Andrew's



Welcome to our Family Service **Led by Nigel Lowe**

Welcome & Notices

Use this link to find full details and instructions to watch the film supporting NLT
<https://www.nlt.org.uk/celebrate-world-leprosy-day-watch-a-new-nepali-film-sunday-31st-january>

Opening Prayer

We are called to recognise God's authority
and to submit to it in every area of our lives.
Let us invite God to direct our thinking and our prayers.
Let us give God the highest place in our lives.
Let us worship the living God.
Amen

Song

"You Have Called Us Out Of Darkest Night" - Stuart Townend

You have called us out of darkest night
Into Your glorious light
That we may sing the wonders of
The risen Christ

May our every breath retell the grace
That broke into our strife
With boundless love and deepest joy
With endless life

Chorus:

May the peoples praise You
Let the nations be glad
All Your blessing comes
That we may praise
May praise the Name of Jesus

All the earth is Yours and all within
Each harvest is Your own
And from Your hand we give to You
To make Christ known
May the seeds of mercy grow in us
For those who have not heard
May songs of praise build lives of grace
To spread Your Word

CHORUS

This our holy privilege to declare
Your praises and Your name
To every nation, tribe and tongue,
Your church proclaims

CHORUS

Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty
Worthy, worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty
All creation praise Your glorious Name

CHORUS x 2

Confession

In all things we are accountable to the Lord our God.
In a few moments of silence, let us bring to mind those times when,
through fault or omission, we have failed to love God, ourselves or others.

We hold out our hands in front of us in fists.

We confess that we have not loved as we are loved,
and we have not served as we are served.
In your compassion, forgive us our sins,
and restore us to fullness of life in Jesus our Lord.

We release our fists and cup our hands.

May God have mercy upon us all.

Amen.

Reading Mark 1.21-28 read today by Richard Beckingsale

21 They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. 22 The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. 23 Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, 24 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are – the Holy One of God!' 25 'Be quiet!' said Jesus sternly. 'Come out of him!' 26 The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek. 27 The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, 'What is this? A new teaching – and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him.' 28 News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

Sermon by Revd Natasha

Creed

We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Song

“One Family”

We are a flame that is burning bright
Lifting hope in the darkest times

From every land, every tribe and tongue
A world of hearts that are joined as one

With arms open wide, we are family
So ring the bells, fling wide the doors
Young and old and rich and poor
All around the world, one family
From our neighbour to the farthest land
We carry light and the truth in hand
All around the world, one family

We are alive in the Kingdom come
A voice of change for the unheard ones

Awaken joy to defeat despair
The grace of God is the hope we share

With arms open wide, we are family
So ring the bells, fling wide the doors
Young and old and rich and poor
All around the world, one family
From our neighbour to the farthest land
We carry light and the truth in hand
All around the world, one family

God is love and love is endless
God is love and love's relentless
God is love and love wins over all x 2

God is love and love's an ocean
God is love and love has spoken
God is love and love wins over all

So ring the bells, fling wide the doors
Young and old and rich and poor
All around the world, one family
From our neighbour to the farthest land

We carry light and the truth in hand
All around the world, one family

From our neighbour to the farthest land
We carry light and the truth in hand
All around the world, one family

One family one family

Spring Harvest (Live) 2017 One For All: Live Worship From Spring Harvest [Live]

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Intercessions led by Simon Edwards

Response: Lord in your mercy ~ **Hear our prayer**

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom
come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver
us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Song

"Hope and Glory"

Hear our cry, oh King of heaven
Jesus hope to every heart
We are lost without Your glory
We are lost without You God

Be the fire, that burns within us
Flames of love that purify
Send Your power and Your salvation,
Let us see Your Kingdom come

Chorus

Only You can move the mountains
Only You can heal our land
Christ alone, our hope and glory
Christ alone in You we stand

Turn Your eyes and show us mercy
How we need Your Father's love
Lead us home, and out of darkness,
With Your gospel, burning bright

Chorus x2

We believe our God is mighty
We believe our God is here
We believe our King is coming
Christ alone in You we stand

Praise the Lord, our God is mighty
Praise the Lord, our God is here
Praise the Lord, our King is coming
Christ alone in You we stand

Chorus

Christ alone in You we stand

Lyric Source: <http://www.songlyrics.com/tim-hughes/hope-and-glory-lyrics/>

Songwriter: Time Hughes

Performed by Lindsey Mackie and used in our service with her kind permission.

Final Prayer

Almighty God, be with us this week.
Meet with us each morning,
and in every situation throughout the day,
whoever we are with,
help us to draw on your strength and wisdom,
that we may be faithful and true
in following the example
and pattern given to us by Jesus.
Amen..

Thank you for joining us today.

Making an impression

Mark 1.21-28

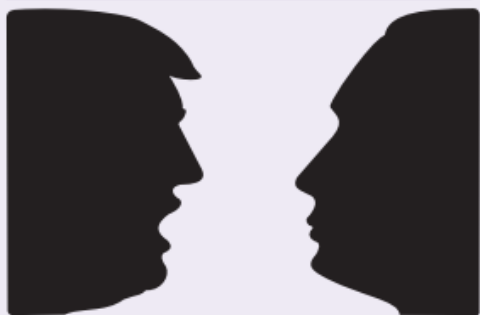
This scene is on the sabbath – the day of rest – and Jesus is in his home synagogue teaching the congregation. Jesus orders 'an unclean spirit' to be silent and come out of a man, and it leaves him with one last cry of defeat. Everyone is amazed at the authority of Jesus, whose words are realised in actions.

Now read **Mark 1.21-28** see p.2 for text.

A note on the passage

Jesus astonished people by the authority of his teaching. Mark does not tell us what Jesus taught, but it is clear that it had a great impact on those who heard him. As did his healing of a man with an 'unclean spirit'. This is was something new and convincing. By his teaching and his actions, he revealed that he was – and is – is the 'Holy One of God'.

HEADLINES



Check the news headlines and look for any figures of authority and bring them before God. Or use this image to help you think about particular figures of authority, past or present. Are there examples of authority being used well? Are there times when authority is misused?

You could say this prayer:

All authority in heaven and on earth belongs to you, God.

Bless and guide those in authority in our world. **Amen.**

MAKE AN IMPRESSION

Notice the impressions you form of different people you meet this week. Think about what it is that makes a particular impression on you, i.e. is it how somebody looks? What they wear? How they speak? Certain movements they make? Consider the impression you may have on others. Think about how you come across and what opinions people may form of you. Reflect about whether there are any changes you want to make about what you do or say, in order to make a good impression.

Coin rubbing

You will need: a large coin (e.g. a 2p or a 50p), a piece of paper, a crayon or pencil.

- Coins often carry an image of a person in authority.
- Take a coin and make an impression of it by placing it under a piece of paper and rubbing it gently with a crayon or pencil.
- If you had to come up with a motto that someone in authority should follow, what would it be? Write down your thoughts next to the coin rubbing.

EVENING REFLECTION

Look back over your day and think of any times you have had power or authority over someone else. How did you exercise that authority? Now think of any times someone else had authority over you. How did they exercise that authority? How did it make you feel? You might like to write down some thoughts each night.

Names for



The different names we use for God represent different aspects of God's authority. Find some quiet time to reflect on which name for God (one of these or one of your own) resonates with you most and think about why.

Creator; Father; Good shepherd; Lamb; Holy One; Almighty; Mother; Abba; Alpha and Omega; Lord.

This Tuesday (2 February) is when many Christians celebrate Candlemas – a feast to remember when Jesus was presented in the Temple and when Simeon, an old man there, recognised Jesus' authority, even as a baby. Simeon greeted Jesus as the light for the world. You may wish to light a candle and spend some time thinking about Jesus as light, and how that image makes you feel.

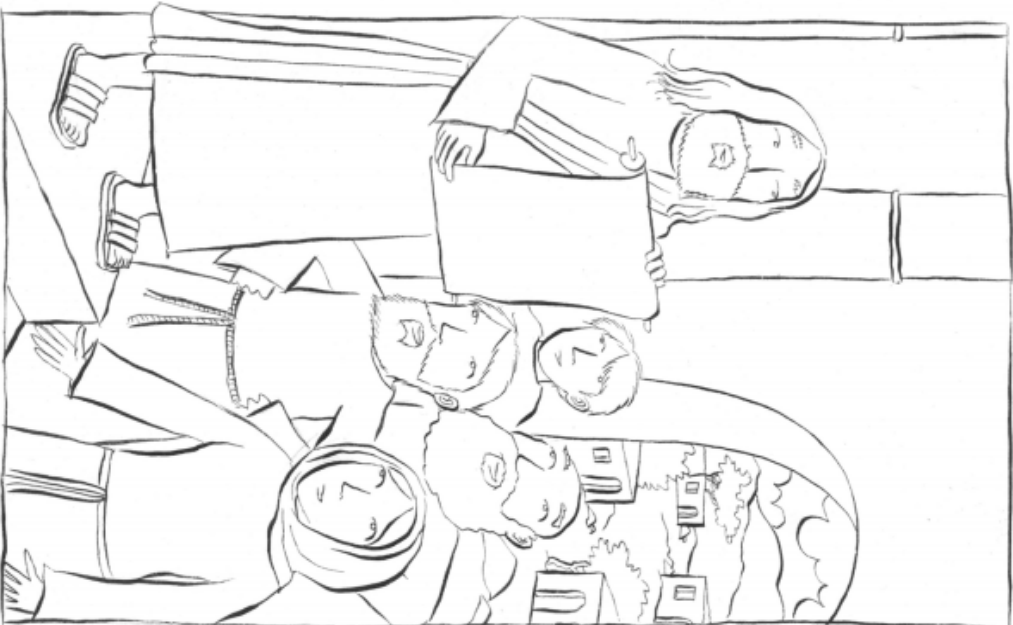
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ROOTS Activity Sheet

31 January – 6 February 2021
Epiphany 4

Mark 1.21-28

Jesus arrives in Capernaum, and people notice a new way of teaching and a new authority in what he does and says.



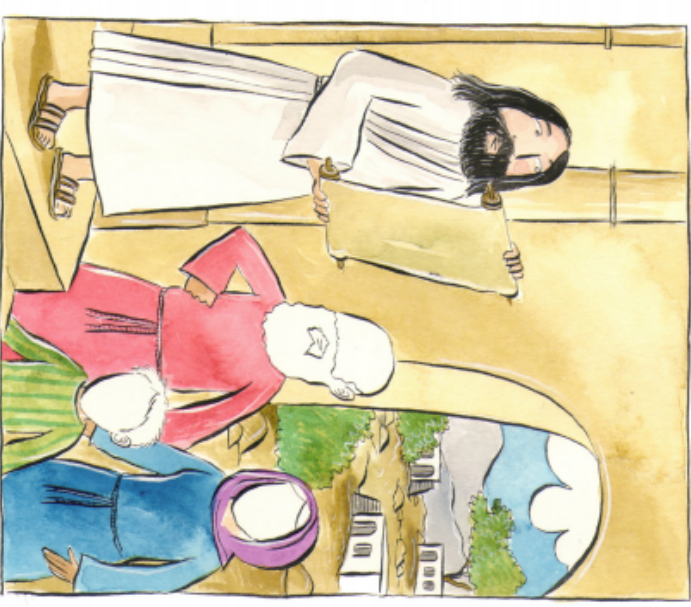
Jesus speaks with a new authority.

Write

Write a newspaper headline for today's story.

Draw

Draw faces onto the people to show how they felt when they saw Jesus in the synagogue.



Puzzle

Use the code to discover what people said to one other as they saw Jesus' actions.

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