

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.'

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

GOSPEL: Luke 5:1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon.

Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

WELCOME TO ST PETER'S. If you are a visitor or guest, do stay for coffee afterwards, and introduce yourself to one of the stewards (with a blue badge) or the vicar.

DAVID CORAM. As we come to terms with the death of our hugely talented and much loved Director of Music, David Coram, there is a Book of Condolences in church for those who want to write personal words of tribute.

BEST CLUB. 14th February – Sharing of inappropriate images. This week we identify the ways young people feel the pressure to share explicit images and we discussed techniques to avoid and manage the risks and to reject unwanted requests, including the legal, social and emotional effects that this has on young people

MEN LUNCHING at the Black Lion pub as usual at 12.30pm on Tuesday 12 February. All welcome.

QUIDAM RECITAL: The Whispering Trees

A beautiful and atmospheric recital staged by candlelight with scenic elements, with Alex Pullinger (countertenor), Andrew Charity (piano), and visuals by Christian Hey. A singer, lost in a mysterious wood, cold and alone, gradually forgets his origins and clings to music in the darkness, transcending the human realm to become an ethereal figure. The programme includes songs by Purcell, Britten, Ravel, Quilter, Dowland, Warlock and Vaughan Williams. Saturday 23rd February, 7.30pm, £15 (£10/£5 conc.).

PETROS SINGERS: SINGING WORKSHOP

'A Royal Occasion': Open Singing Workshop on Saturday March 2nd, 2:00 to 6:00pm, led by James Vivian, Director of Music, St George's Chapel Windsor. Details in church and on church website. Tickets in advance via <http://www.wegotickets.com/petrossingers>

GLASS DOOR HOMELESS CHARITY. Sunday night shelters at Rivercourt Methodist Church. To volunteer, contact Vicky Lawrence (vrussell@fenwickelliott.com).

CONFIRMATION ON EASTER SUNDAY

We are pleased to say that the Rt Revd Graham Tomlin, Bishop of Kensington, will be coming to St Peter's to celebrate Easter with us at our usual 10.30 am Sunday morning service (21st April) which will therefore also be a service of Confirmation. Easter is the traditional time in the church for candidates to be confirmed, and we are particularly pleased the Bishop is able to come on this occasion. Adults or children (age 10 or above) interested being confirmed, or adults who were brought up in a different church and wish to be formally received into the Church of England, please speak to Charles or Heike.

AUCTION OF PROMISES Friday 26th April

We are planning to improve the food preparation facilities in church which, for those of you who have assisted over the years, will know are seriously lacking. Do put this date in your diary now: it will be a great evening, flowing wine and delicious food and we are delighted that Philip Hook, a relatively new parishioner will be our Auctioneer. If you have never been to an Auction before, they are the greatest fun! The last auction was held in 2015 and raised £6,000 - can we better this? We had some wonderful offers of holiday houses, gardening help, golf days, dinners, tennis coaching, tickets for various events, sewing lessons, marmalade, all sorts of ideas both large and small. Do consider what you might be able to offer and contact bridgetstevenson@2fr.co.uk with your suggestions.

COMING UP:

Quidam Discussion: Prosperity and Justice, March 14th

Quidam Persian evening, March 15th

Quidam Recital for Mother's Day, March 29th

Children's Art Morning, Mother's Day, March 30th