

## A few words on the readings

**1Kings 19: 9-18.** This text is a high point in the Old Testament and shows the evolving relationship of God and his people. God does not speak to Elijah with a display of fireworks as at Sinai. The God-fearing person finds that they are not alone and that God's presence is with them. God speaks in a quiet way. He is attentive to human needs and wants us to enter into dialogue with him, to call upon him and to listen to him. He is there to save us. Elijah having heard God's voice is ready to carry out his mission despite what he sees as overwhelming difficulties. May we allow God to speak to us. Let us call upon his name.

**Romans 10: 5-15.** Paul continues his theme that it is by faith that God saves. He uses scripture to prove his point. He cites the first commandment to love with all one's heart and the prophets Isaiah and Joel that it is by faith and not through the law that we are saved. As Christians we cannot rely on the observation of rules and rites to come near to God. Through our words and actions we must show that we are witnessing to our faith in Jesus Christ and that he is truly Lord. We have the promise that whoever calls upon the Lord will be saved and we have the mission to ensure that this message is carried to all God's people. The mission is wonderful and in the words of Isaiah, which Paul quotes, *how beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news.*

**Matthew 14: 22-33.** The relationship of Jesus with God is exceptional in every way. Jesus spends the night praying to his Father. What an example for us! He is able to participate in God's lordship over the universe by defying the elements and walking on the water. He invites his disciples to overcome their fears and to have faith in him. As the hesitant Peter rejoins the boat with Jesus and the sea is calmed they kneel before Jesus and acknowledge that he is truly the Son of God. With Jesus with us we should fear nothing. Let us call upon his name.

## Calling and ministry

We continue to pray for those involved in the process of appointing a new priest to our Mission Area and that someone will feel called to come and serve our 3 parishes.

We pray as well for Canon Sophie Jelley as the date of her consecration as Bishop of Doncaster has now been fixed for September 21st in York Minster.

## Opportunities for worship, prayers and other resources 09.08.2020

You can watch a **video sermon** on Sunday's Gospel or read the script on <https://www.sheffield.anglican.org/video-sermons>

**Reflection & Compline** on Thursday at 7.30 pm led by **Canon Richard Frith** on the Southwell Minster website [www.southwellminster.org](http://www.southwellminster.org)

## Radio & TV

Sunday Worship on Radio 4 at 8-10 am Songs of Praise BBC 1 at 1-15 pm.  
Choral Evensong Wednesday at 3-30pm on BBC Radio 3 & on Sundays at 3.00pm  
The Daily Service (15 minutes on weekdays) at 9h45 on BBC Radio 4 long wave