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**Minister's Corner..**

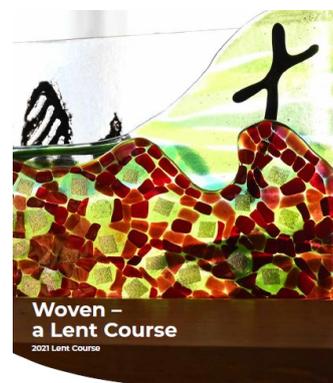
*Minister's Corner...*

'Lent is a time to renew our commitment to walking the way of a disciple, a time to renew and refresh our faith'. This was from Julie's piece last week. As we build up to lent, I believe we all need to engage in personal reflections as disciples of Christ. The past year has tested each and everyone of us, our nation has suffered losses, our communities are broken and our ways of being disciples have been tested beyond our wildest imaginations. During lent many give up so many things but we ought to ask whether we haven't given up so much already. I believe we have and it wasn't by choice, this was imputed on us. Being a disciple is a commitment based on convictions from a sincere heart. I am challenged when I read Luke 5:11, 'they left everything and followed him', sometimes I wonder what I have really left to follow him and whether whatever I have left to follow him is enough. Maybe it is not in the enough that we need to focus, but on the willingness to leave all to follow him and remembering the job description too; 'do not be afraid from now on you will fish for people'. This lent, I intend to reflect on whether as a disciple of Christ, I am about my call i.e., 'fishing for people'.

Joseph

**Lent—** The Zoom courses are taking place on:

- Monday evenings at 7.30pm started on 22 February, hosted by St John's.
- Tuesday morning at 10.30am starting on 23 February, hosted by The Square
- Tuesday evening at 7.30pm for 7.45pm, starting on 23 February, hosted by The Olive Tree
- Wednesday afternoon at 2.00pm, starting on 24 February, hosted by Trinity
- Wednesday evening at 8.00pm, starting on 24 February, hosted by Trinity
- Thursday evening at 7.30pm, starting on 18 February, hosted by Strathmore and Farley



*If you would like to join a group please contact Marina Mele on [office@southbedsmethodist.org.uk](mailto:office@southbedsmethodist.org.uk) or 07711985327*

## February Olive Tree Services

*For the time being, while levels of the virus are still high, most of the services will be on YouTube.*

21st Tina Salmon

28th Rev Joseph Forson



## Foodbank and clothing Collection Day

Saturday February 27th  
11am—1pm.

Volunteers needed to be at church to receive the donations please.

## Lent Tracks 2021

### Finding God's way in dark times

What track would you choose to accompany you in dark times?  
What music, song or hymn has been a help this past year?

Pause for a while each day and listen to some choices  
and the people and stories that lie behind them.

Here's the link: <https://tinyurl.com/southbedslent>

Or go to the South Bedfordshire Circuit YouTube Channel playlists and look for the Lent Tracks playlist

## Church family news

Well done Jack for receiving an award for working hard with his school work.

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### Headteacher Award

Just a quick note to let you know that Jack has been nominated by Miss McLoughlin for a Headteacher Award. Jack is working really hard both online and offline and has produced some brilliant work across all subjects. Miss McLoughlin was particularly impressed with his acting when creating a Viking advert.

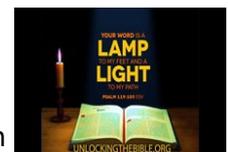
Well done Jack, keep up the good work!

Mrs M Murphy  
Headteacher



## Luke 5v6-11

When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.



When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

**Reading the Bible** -If you would like to discover what the Bible says there are Bible Reading Notes available for all ages and abilities. If you would like copies of suitable material to try out please email John Rogers on johnrogers39@talktalk.net or text 07811358863 .