

Lectionary readings

Psalm 138

Isaiah 6: 1-8

Luke 5: 1-11

Corinthians 15: 1-11

Sermon outline: Luke 5: 1 – 11

The Gospel tells of a powerful experience, an experience of Jesus as the Son of God for Peter and the other disciples – their initial fear is followed by words of assurance from Jesus and finally, after the great catch, words of commission which take them into a new world and a new way of life.

'Put out into the deep' is a practical invitation from Jesus to the disciples to proclaim his kingdom after they have heard his preaching and seen the fruit of his words in action/symbol.

'From now on' indicates a real turning point in the lives of the disciples – called in the ordinary circumstances of their daily lives, they will now cast a different kind of net and put out into a new deep. They will become followers of Jesus.

Suggested hymns and praise songs

- Be bold, be strong
- Be thou my vision
- In heavenly love abiding
- Lead us heavenly Father lead us
- When I feel afraid
- Wide, wide as the ocean
- Will you come and follow me
- Will your anchor hold

Recommended resources

It's a Challenge

from *52 Easy-to-use Assemblies for Middle and Secondary Schools*

(Janet King / 1999 / Monarch Books / paperback / 256 pages / ISBN: 1854244329)

It's your move

(Brian Ogden / 2003 / Scripture Union / paperback / 64 pages / ISBN: 1859995012)

Linking Churches and Schools

(Gillian Wood / 2003 / Churches Together in England / paperback / 28 pages / ISBN: 1874295239)

Pillars of the Church: supporting chaplaincy in further and higher education

(Board of Education / 2002 / paperback / 56 pages / Church House publishing / ISBN: 0715190466)

Ready, steady, school

(Margery Francis, Clare Harding & Nick Harding / 2002 / Scripture Union / paperback / 24 pages (plus *Little Fish Book*) / ISBN: 1859995926)

