

## Notices

Monday 23rd January –7.30pm Brierley Hill Choral

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January– 2pm Tea and Natter at Amblecote Wordsley

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January –

Thursday 26th January - 12.30pm Soup and Roll Lunch – all welcome.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January – 1.30pm Friday Discussion Group – contact Martyn Filsak for more details

7.30pm Holocaust Service of Recollection at Providence – see poster for details

Saturday 28th January -

Sunday 29th January - 10.30am Mr Martyn Filsak

Collection Last week £196

Flowers:- Thank you to Alma and Keith Brookes in memory of parents.

Coffee Mornings:- We are still keeping the charge of £1 for the first cup plus biscuits and 50p for top ups, but running a raffle to help with Church cost and therefore would be pleased to receive raffle prizes.

### Read Matthew 4.12–23

Jesus calls on people to repent and turn from darkness towards light. As he walks along the shore of Lake Galilee, he invites two fishermen to follow him. Immediately, they leave behind their old lives and follow him, as do the next fishermen he approaches. Jesus travels all over Galilee teaching, preaching and healing the sick.

#### A note on the passage.

The word Jesus uses for ‘repent’ literally means to think differently after this encounter, to go beyond our current understanding. Having encountered Jesus, our lives are turned around and we are invited to follow him in a different direction, as the fishermen in the passage did right away.



What happens when you swap the G to a C? How is life transformed for those who repent?



Think of some things you struggle with, you are tempted by, or that get in the way of your relationship with God. Name each one out loud, saying after it, 'Help me, God, go beyond my current thinking'. Reflect on how your life can be changed with God's help.



The RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch takes place this week (<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/everything-you-need-to-knowabout-big-garden-birdwatch/>). Spend one hour counting the birds that you see landing in your garden or local park. Since 1979, the number of sparrows reported has fallen by 58% and the number of starlings by 82%. Thinking about caring for God's creation, in what ways do we need to repent? What do we need to leave behind, in the same way that the fishermen left behind their nets?

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Sunday 22nd January 2023

10.30am

Welcome to

Mrs Olwen Meller