

Sermon Series - Spring 2010 St Mark's

Morning Series As we begin this new year and with my departure from the Parish at Easter, I felt very strongly that I wanted to make a call from the heart to each of you not to lose heart but to stand firm in your faith; set your face towards God and keep pressing onwards. The motto verse speaks of "*Being on your guard, standing firm, having courage and being strong and loving one another.*" This means taking steps to counter any despair or loss of hope, and continually renewing our trust and faith in Christ; to fan the flame that glows within us and take the power of the God who lives within us and go on living for Him in love. The main morning topics will therefore be about the steps we need to consider when making this our goal. I pray and hope that together we will be able to stand firm as we face the future?

Morning

January

3 rd	'First Sunday' - "Odd Jobs"	Matthew 20: 1-16
10 th	2010 Motto - "Stand Firm.....!"	1 Corinthians 16: 5-14
17 th	Standing Firm (1) - "Hoping in God our Protector"	John 14: 15-27
24 th	Baptism Service	Tba
31 st	Standing Firm (2) - "Contending with the World"	1 Peter 3: 13-17

February

7 th	'First Sunday' - "The Golden Biscuit"	Matthew 13: 44-46
14 th	Standing Firm (3) - "Dealing with the Foe Within."	Hebrews 4: 12-16
21 st	Standing Firm (4) - "Submission to God"	James 4: 1-10
28 th	Baptism Service	Tba

March

7 th	'First Sunday' - "The Lost Brian"	Luke 15: 1-7
14 th	Standing Firm (5) - "Free to be Holy"	Colossians 3: 1-17
21 st	Standing Firm (6) - "The Battle Belongs to Him!"	Ephesians 6: 10-20
28 th	Palm Sunday - Baptism	Luke 19: 28-40

April

4 th	Easter Day	
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Evening Series After spending time in the New Testament during 2009, I felt that the Old Testament Minor Prophets would be a good place to go! The themes of judgment, repentance, grace and restoration fit well with the theme of Lent - and it is probably a section of the Bible we rarely dip into? Jonah was a reluctant 8th century prophet who was called by God to go and preach to one of Israel's greatest enemies – the nation of Assyria. His running away from God and his change of heart is well known, but apart from being swallowed by a whale, there is much in here about obedience, compassion and forgiveness. Amos was a prophet who spoke at a time of prosperity and the upper classes were doing well at the expense of the poor. But the worship of God was cold and self-serving and God declared it idolatrous and pronounced judgment on His people. These 2 books have a lot to say to today's generation...together they proclaim, "*Seek the Lord and live!*"

Evening

January

3 rd	Jonah (1) - " <i>Jonah's Disobedience</i> "	Jonah 1:1-17
10 th	Jonah (2) - " <i>Jonah's Prayer</i> "	Jonah 2: 1-10
17 th	Jonah (3) - " <i>Jonah's Obedience</i> "	Jonah 3: 1-10
24 th	<i>Joint service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at Saltney Methodist</i>	
31 st	Confirmation Service with Bishop Keith	Joel 2: 28-32

February

7 th	Jonah (4) - " <i>Jonah Has a Sulk!</i> "	Jonah 4:1-11
14 th	Amos (1) - " <i>The Lord Roars</i> "	Amos 1: 1-15
21 st	Amos (2) - " <i>Witnesses are Summoned Against Israel</i> "	Amos 3: 1-15
28 th	Amos (3) - " <i>Prepare to Meet Your God</i> "	Amos 4: 1-13

March

7 th	Amos (4) - " <i>Seek the Lord and Live!</i> "	Amos 5:1-14
14 th	Amos (5) - <i>Locusts, Fire & a Plumb Line</i> "	Amos 7: 1-9
21 st	@ The Throne – worshipping together with Link-Up Churches at Northgate	
28 th	Amos (6) - " <i>Restoration of God's People</i> "	Amos 9: 11-15

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21 st	Lent 1 <i>"The Temptation of Jesus"</i>	Luke 4: 1-13
28 th	Lent 2 <i>"Jesus' Sorrow for Jerusalem"</i>	Luke 13: 31-35

March

7 th	Lent 3 <i>"Repentance & Fruitfulness"</i>	Luke 13: 1-9
14 th	Lent 4 <i>"The Ever Forgiving Father"</i>	Luke 15:1-2; 11b-32
21 st	Lent 5 <i>"The Extravagance of Grace"</i>	John 12: 1-8
28 th	Palm Sunday <i>"Blessed is the King Who Comes"</i>	Luke 19: 28-40