



Clincarthill Parish Church
a church for the community

2021: The 5 Marks of Mission Series

Mark 1

“To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom”.

Teaching Sunday: **29th August 2021**

Sharing Sunday: **12th September 2021**

This guide will help you to reflect on each Mark of Mission, and the associated Bible passage. Find some quiet time and pray that God would help you as you reflect on the Scripture readings and questions. You can record your thoughts in this booklet in whatever way suits you, such as writing or drawing.

On Sharing Sunday, you will have an opportunity to:

1. Hear the answers to some of the questions asked about the passages/Mark;
2. Tell others in the congregation how God has spoken to you;
3. Share your reflections on a written/drawn prayer board.

If you have a question and want to hear the answer, you can send this in advance, and anonymously, to questions@clincarthill.org.uk.

Remember to bring this with you on Sharing Sunday!

Scripture Reading 1: Luke 4: 14-21 (NIVUK)

¹⁴Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. ¹⁵He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

¹⁶He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

²⁰Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹He began by saying to them, 'Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.'

Scripture Reading 2: Isaiah 61: 1-3 (NIVUK)

¹The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,
because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the
prisoners,
²to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour and the day of vengeance of our
God,
to comfort all who mourn,
³and provide for those who grieve in Zion –
to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes,
the oil of joy instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendour.

What questions are raised from these passages?
Did you find anything difficult or surprising?



How do these passages speak personally to you?
Do you feel God is saying anything to you?



How do these passages encourage you?
What is God calling you to be or do in light of these passages?



1. In what ways does Clincarthill Church “proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom”?

2. How could Clincarthill Church develop this further?

3. What does it mean for you to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom?

4. How could you be challenged or supported to take this further?

Closing Prayer

God of all wisdom, help me to understand your claim on my life, that you have called me to work in your kingdom here on earth so others may come to know what Jesus has done. God of my life, remind me of the gifts you have given me to use in carrying out this work so all the glory will be yours.
Amen