

Reflection Monday Week 1 Advent 2020

St Andrew the Apostle was born in Bethsaida, in Galilee, and worked as a fisherman. He may have been a disciple of St John the Baptist. He became one of the first to follow Jesus and introduced his brother, Simon Peter, to him. As one of the twelve Apostles he was widely venerated in ancient times, and became patron saint of Scotland because, according to legend, some of his bones were brought there and buried at the place where the town of St Andrew's now stands.

Andrew did not want to keep good news to himself so he introduced his brother to Jesus. It is no wonder, therefore, that they chose to leave their lives as fishermen together and follow Jesus. There is something special about being called to be a disciple of Jesus; the invitation spoke to their hearts, the invitation empowered them to leave behind a living that offered security and stability for a life they had no idea where it would lead them. Only afterwards would they learn that it was such a good choice to make. Appropriately, Andrew shows us what we need to do this Advent. Jesus is calling us to join him on an Advent journey. Although we are clear that this journey will eventually lead us to the birth of Jesus, we do not know where the journey will take us or how we will fare when we greet Christ anew this Christmas. But we are assured by Andrew that this is a journey not to be missed. We will be led into new pastures, new possibilities, and will become like Andrew, messengers of Good News.

I woke up this morning and took my blood pressure and cholesterol medicine but later found out they were the wrong medicines.

The **good news** is I don't have to worry about worms or fleas for the next three months. . . .