

## **Church of Scotland: Orphir and Stenness Parish**

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### **Intimations**

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### **Sacrifice; Focus Passage: Matthew 9:35 - 10:8, (9-23)**

This Lectionary readings this week talk of sacrifice and serving God. Abraham and Sarah are promised a child despite their old age. They had to give up control of their lives and trust God. The Psalmist too is reliant on God during the hard times, and thankful for the answers to his supplications.

The focus scripture in Matthew does not paint a peaceful, pretty picture of life for the disciples. They went out to the Jewish cities and towns to witness and to heal, and they were not always welcomed. They gave up and sacrificed the safety and comfort of home and family to go on the road to spread the good news and to heal, and cast out evil spirits.

What are we called to sacrifice in the living out of our call to ministry today?

Have there been times when have you experienced suffering and have been able to find hope and strength to endure? How are you coping in the present crisis?

### **Prayer:**

God of Compassion, be with us in our struggles, and in our triumphs, that we may be ministers of hope to others. Amen

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