

“Come, follow me,” the Master said:

then some of those who heard
were captivated by his claims
and took to heart his word;
and some left all they knew behind
to walk his narrow way,
to live as he directed them
until their dying day.

Some found that summons from the Lord
a pressing, holy call,
a voice they dared not disregard:
and such a man was Saul
who saw, on that Damascus road,
a sudden, dazzling light
that made him reassess his life
and sparked new inner sight.

Then Paul, and others called like him,
went boldly far and wide
announcing grace, the gift of God
in Christ, the crucified.
To Scotforth Parish, too, they came
and made the message clear;
by word and action bound as one
they brought the gospel here.

Now we, who share that faith today,
are shaped in heart and mind
by how they modelled hope and love,
and words they left behind.
From them we learn how best to live
and what we are to be;
but most of all, from Christ himself,
who still says, “Follow me.”

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*Matthew 4:18-22, Mark 1:16-20, 16:20, Luke 5:27-28, John 1:43,49, Acts 9:3-9, 26:19,
1 Corinthians 1:23, 11:1, Ephesians 1:6, 2:8, Philippians 3:17, 4:9, 1 Peter 2:21, 2 Peter 3:1-2
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