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**Liturgical Date: Year B, Epiphany 5, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**Presenter: Elliot Burns**

**Focus Reading: Mark 1:29-39**

**Message** 9 minutes 0 seconds

**“Be Prepared to Be Surprised”**

### **Discussion Starters**

- 1** Have you seen demons or saints around you?
- 2** Who is a saint who has influenced your faith journey & how did they do this?
- 3** How would your church celebrate All Saints Day?
- 4** What demons are there in your community & how do we confront them?

### **Lectionary readings for the day**

**Isaiah 40:21-31** Have you not known/heard/understood what has been told? Compared to the power of God, we are like insects or frail plants, for God is the source of all strength. Those who wait on the Lord will “fly up on wings like eagles” (v31).

**Psalms 147:1-11, 20c** God helps the outcast, the broken-hearted, and the downtrodden; punishes the wicked; feeds the animals and birds; and takes pleasure in those who place their hope in him.

**1 Corinthians 9: 16-23** Paul proclaims the gospel free of charge so that the power of his message will not be compromised. He has become “all things to all people” (v22), to save some.

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**All Age Message: Elliot Burns**

**“Facing Our Demons”**

**Length** 2 minutes 30 seconds

### **Precis of AAM**

There is a wide variety of animals that God has created and loves. All we need to do is stop, look and listen and we may be amazed at where we find God’s love among creation and people.

**Resources: Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 147:1-11,20c 353-355**

### **Elliot Burns**

I live in North Lambton with my wife Maryann, one of our two adult sons Nick and our dog Chester (a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel). I am a member of Jesmond Park Uniting Church. I have just retired from work having been in heavy industry & done WHS training. I enjoy playing soccer and Cycling. I have restored several vintage and classic cars, currently working on a 1934 MG.