



Words for Wondering

An Advent to Epiphany Course from the
Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney

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Anointed



*Scripture: **John 1: 40-42***

One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Reflection

In John 1: 40- 42 we see the word Messiah translated as anointed. In the Old Testament (Psalm 2 and Daniel 9) the promised Deliverer called the 'anointed' or Mesiah because he was anointed with the Holy Spirit. This is sometimes styles the 'oil of gladness', therefore the Jesus is the anointed One (John 1, Acts 9, 17, 18 and 28) to show that he truly is the prophesied Messiah. We use oil to anoint and set apart in today's church – at Baptism, Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation), Ordinations and for healing. What is your experience of being anointed with oil?

To Listen

Hail to the Lord's Anointed and Holy Spirit by Kim Walker Smith