



Team Parish of Christ the King St Aidan's, Brunton Park

Sunday 5th July 2020 Fourth Sunday after Trinity

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.'

These words from our Gospel reading today are the first of the 'comfortable words' that form part of the Book of Common Prayer service of Holy Communion. They are just the sort of words we need in time of stress that many are feeling just now. But how do we reconcile them with the themes which appear during the Easter season of our taking up a cross to follow Christ with the implication that the Christian journey is difficult?

Well of course we know that being a Christian is not an easy ride through life; we have to face the same difficulties as everyone else with the addition of increased expectations both of ourselves and from others. While our faith does not give us a free pass through life's problems and pains it does to give us the means to manage them.

In our own parish there is an outward air of normality as the shops are open, the post arrives, the bus runs (now with passengers) and the bins are emptied; but watching the news we feel that our society is in turmoil. There is violence on our city streets endless debates about race, gender, social distancing, the economy. Everyone seems to be arguing and there is not much tolerance or love in evidence.

At times like this we need comfortable words to sustain us and not be distracted from being agents of love, joy and peace where we are. Jesus is saying that if we trust in him then our problems will not go away but they will lie less heavily upon us. We shall find the strength to be Christ's body in the world.

In the words of Desmond Alban SSF.

'We are not all called to preach but we are all called to proclaim the Gospel in the way we lead our lives.'



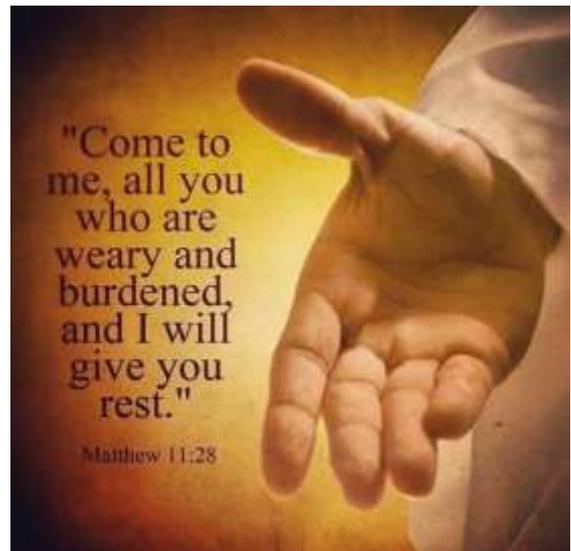
Greg Olsen

Matthew 25-30 The Father Revealed in the Son

At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

"All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."



PRAYER FOR THE NHS, CARERS AND HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

The National Health Service came into being on 5 July 1948. During post-war reconstruction, improving the healthcare of the nation was seen as crucial to the nation's recovery.



God of healing and compassion,
we thank you for the establishment of the
National Health Service,
and for the dedication of all who work in it:
give skill, sympathy and resilience
to all who care for the sick,
and your wisdom to those engaged in medical
research.
Strengthen all in their vocation through your
Spirit,
that through their work many will be restored to
health and strength;
Lord Jesus, who healed the sick and gave them
new life,
be with all carers and health professionals,
as they act as agents of your healing touch.
In desperate times, keep them strong yet loving;
and when their work is done,
be with them in their weariness and in their tears.
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

NOTICES

SAPPHIRE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY – congratulations to Ray and Kathy Devenney who celebrate 45 years of marriage today. Unfortunately, celebrations are on the quiet side, but we hope you enjoy your special day.

ALAN VOUT - is still in Canada but is hoping to be on a flight back to Newcastle on the 12th of July. He has been keeping in touch with St Aidan's news via the newsletters and services. We all hope Alan will be on the flight on the 12th and wish him a safe journey home.

THANK YOU – Catherine and Eric would like to thank everyone for the beautiful cards and best wishes received to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary.

MOTHERS UNION - A Diocesan Service organised by Mothers' Union will go on Facebook and Youtube at [2 pm](#) on Saturday 11th July. The address will be given by Bishop John Packer and show cases some of the work done by M.U. in this Diocese. Please do watch this service if you can, as M.U. Vice President and a member of this Parish I recommend it to you. We will upload the links onto the church social media pages, but it can also be viewed at: M.U. Website munewcastle.org.uk or Newcatle M.U. Facebook page. Sylvia Hickey

NEWSLETTER – there will be a small supply of printed newsletters available in church each week if you would like to take a copy for friends/neighbours who aren't able to receive them electronically.

OPENING OF CHURCH FOR PRIVATE PRAYER - St Aidans Church is now open for private prayer on Saturday's and Wednesday's from 10.00am -12.00 noon. These arrangements will be reviewed as we proceed. Please follow the guidelines by washing your hands on arrival or using the hand sanitiser provided at the door, observe the social distancing requirements, use the seating provided at the baptistry or in the chancel, remove any papers, prayer guides or booklets that you touch, feel free to collect a Palm Cross – these were blessed on Palm Sunday, if you wish to light a votive candle, take the light from a candle that is already alight

TWO WAYS OF SUPPORTING ST AIDAN'S FINANCIALLY - You can now make online donations to St Aidan's by debit or credit card. Just click (or control click) on this link and follow the instructions.

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/8a599239-a9bd-4136-8b4b-1dcabb0a2c65>

We are also registered with **easyfundraising**, so you can raise FREE donations for us when you do online shopping at over 4,000 well known shops and sites and many insurance and energy providers. Just to the easyfundraising website, or click on the link below, sign up, and find the retailer you want to shop with.

Easyfundraising will redirect you to the retailer, you then shop as usual and the retailer will donate to us when you make a purchase – at no cost to you!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/staidanschurchbruntonpark/>

We will put both these links on the church website and also on our Facebook page.

QUIZ – Thank you to Ben and Ruth for last week’s quiz, this week we have a quiz on books and plays to look forward to set by Kathryn and John. If you would like a turn to set a quiz, please send it to the Administrator.

ZOOM EVENTS – everyone is very welcome to all of our Zoom events; today we have the All Age Service at 10am using code 459 680 693, coffee morning at 11am using code 783 2081 0502 and password: 1BuMyc . Food For Thought at 5pm using code 499 784 569 and password 090566.

For Our Prayers...

We give thanks for our church family here at St Aidan's and pray for our Team Parish - for God's upholding in all that lies ahead.

We pray for God's world – in times of upheaval and conflict we pray for peace-for resolutions to tensions between nations and peoples, for all caught up in tragedy, disaster and despair.

In our St Aidan's cycle of prayer we pray for Bishops Christine and Mark, Archdeacon Mark Wroe, and Jane Natrass Area Dean.

Within our church we pray for those who assist in our worship: lesson readers, intercessors, servers, Eucharistic assistants and sacristans. Within the wider community we pray for Catherine McKinnell, our MP, Newcastle City Councillors, and the North Gosforth Parish Council.

We pray for Andy Clasper as he is licensed today as a Lay worker by the Bishop of Warwick for St. Mark’s church Coventry.

We remember in our prayers Richard Page, Jean Charlton and Pamela Spearing along with all others who are unwell at home or in hospital.

We pray those who have died in recent days.

We pray for all those who are working during the continuing coronavirus pandemic, and we remember in our prayers those ill with the virus.

We remember with thanksgiving and joy our loved ones who are now with Our Father in the heavenly kingdom – Fred Stout, Phyllis Atkinson, Jennie Barritt, Don Croft, Kenneth Page, Maisie Smith, Alison Bishop, Jackie Morley, Les Surtees

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