



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

Sunday 10th October 2021
Harvest Festival

This Harvest we gather together to celebrate the bounty and beauty of creation. As we do, our Gospel reading calls us to trust in the Kingdom of God. In all the worries of contemporary urban life, which at times seem far removed from the simplicity of the natural world, Jesus tells us not to worry, but to trust. He tells us that, as we learn to see through the lenses of the Kingdom of God, we can that the world is bountiful, and trust that we are beautiful. As we see through the lenses of the Kingdom of God, we might discover a different way of living in that trust.

So, even in our modern world, and all the worry it brings, can we trust in God's provision and live bountifully in response?



Readings:

Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter
and our tongue with songs of joy.
Then said they among the nations,
'The Lord has done great things for them.'
The Lord has indeed done great things for us,
and therefore we rejoiced.
Restore again our fortunes, O Lord,
as the river beds of the desert.
Those who sow in tears
shall reap with songs of joy.
Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed,
will come back with shouts of joy,
bearing their sheaves with them.

Matthew 6:25-33

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you - you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.'

Next week Trinity 20: Revd Ben Pullan will preside and preach. The readings are Corinthians 12, v. 4-11 and Mark, Chapter 10, v.46-52

NOTICES

SUNDAY SERVICE – our service is broadcast live from church. Everyone is welcome to this service but if you do not wish to be visible to those watching from home, please ask a church warden for information on where to sit. The live-stream link is <https://bit.ly/Harvest10Oct21>

CHURCH CORONAVIRUS RESTRICTIONS – while in church, wearing a mask is at your own discretion, except during the hymns when we ask everyone to wear them to sing. For those who would like to continue to wear a mask, we suggest sitting at the back of church, behind those not wearing masks, and in our best ventilated area.

MAGICAL MUSICAL EVENINGS – enjoy an hour of music at St Columba's on Friday 14th Oct from 7:30pm, when the North Gosforth Academy Choir will attend. Admission is free but donations are welcome and there will be a glass of wine and nibbles.

INFORMAL 'HELLO' AT THE VICARAGE – this afternoon, (Sunday 10th October) you are invited to drop into the vicarage for an informal hello! It's Gerard's birthday, but please don't bring presents or anything. Between 2pm-5pm Gerard, Karen and the kids would be delighted to see anyone who would like to drop by at 60 Barmoor Drive.

WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK EUCHARIST - will be starting up again from Wednesday 13th of October at 10am. Do join us, whether you're an old regular or have never been before!

SERVICE OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS – will be held at 4:30pm on Sunday 17th October to mark St Luke's day - often thought to be a physician. It will be a quiet reflective service with the chance to receive prayer and anointing with oil either for yourself or for someone you know who is in need. We are all in need of healing and wholeness, so do join us for a special service.

TEAM CONFIRMATION – is on Sunday 21st November which marks the Feast of Christ the King and will be held at St Columba's at 10am with Bishop Stephen Platton. If anyone would be interested in Confirmation this year, please get in touch with Gerard.

DIANA MURGATROYD – would like to thank everyone for their prayers during her recent period of sickness.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT – is every Friday at 5pm via Zoom, please use the following details Meeting ID: 494 352 6982 Passcode: GJm1mc
<https://zoom.us/j/4943526982?pwd=T0tYcThsNytnR3dacWVhMFpJQI9OZz09>

BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES ON CHRISTIAN LIVING TODAY. Please see the separate information sheet about the second Zoom Bible Study series, starting tomorrow, Monday 11th October with guest speaker Mark Newitt, Hospital Chaplain, leading us on the subject of the Bible, Life and Death. Zoom joining details: Meeting ID: 897 5288 3240 Passcode: StABSG. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89752883240?pwd=Z2o5RkxCZE42V25Vc2h4L2JnSkJxUT09> or contact Ken Newitt (01434 606900 or kmnewitt@outlook.com) for further information and background reading.

DONATIONS - If you would like to make a donation to St Aidan's, you can do so using the following link: <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/8a599239-a9bd-4136-8b4b-1dcabb0a2c65>

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 St Nicholas' Cathedral.

Within our church we pray for churchwardens and all involved in looking after our building. Within the wider community we pray for groups using our Community Room and the Community Centre

We remember in our prayers Gladys Johnston, Sheila Lonie, Ann Havers and all others who are unwell at home or in hospital.

We pray for those who have died in recent days remembering especially Eric Davidson.

We remember with thanksgiving and joy our loved ones who are now with Our Father in the heavenly kingdom – Sheila Fawcett, Ernest Terry, Denis Jockelson, Roy Dryburgh.

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