



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

Sunday 5th December 2021 Second Sunday of Advent

This Second Sunday of Advent particularly remembers the Prophets of old. The Prophets were those who offered a message of both judgement and hope. Their God given task was to call God's people back to faithfulness, to lay before them their disloyalty to the God who loved them (often with fairly forceful language!); and it was also to see beyond the approaching disaster to a future hope. The prophets had an eye for both.

Perhaps as we prepare for Christmas we might hear both of those calls. Preparing our hearts, that often go astray, to welcome God afresh. And also seeing something of the beauty of hope that the prophets pointed to. A beauty that finally, in Christ, took flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

First Reading: Malachi 3.1-4

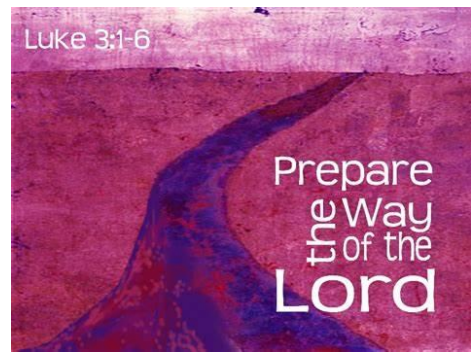
Thus says the Lord God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Gospel Reading: Luke 3.1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”



THE WEEK AHEAD

- Tues** 4pm, Zoom: **Advent series: Psalms in a Pandemic**
- Wed** 10.00am, Church: **BCP Midweek Eucharist**
- Wed** 2pm, Church: **Christmas Prayer and Praise**
- Wed** 7.30pm: St Columba's: **Advent series: Psalms in a Pandemic**
- Thurs** 2.30pm: **Advent series: Psalms in a Pandemic at St Aidan's**
- Fri:** 5pm, Zoom: **Food for Thought**
- Sat:** 10am-12pm St Aidan's: **Saturday Café**
- Sun 12th** 9.30am, **Parish Eucharist : Advent 3**
Rev'd Ben Pullan Presiding and Rev'd Gerard Rundell Preaching
Readings from: Zephaniah 3.14-20; Philippians 4.4-7; Luke 3.7-18
4pm, **Christingle**

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Monday 13th, 1.00pm: **Memorial Service for Anne Havis in church**
- Monday 13th, 7.30pm: **Carols on the Green – bus stop on Melbury Estate**
- Tues 14th Dec, 4pm: **Advent series: Psalms in a Pandemic on Zoom**
- Wed 15th Dec 7.30pm: **Advent series: Psalms in a Pandemic at St Columba's**
- Thurs 16th Dec, 2.30pm: **Advent series: Psalms in a Pandemic at St Aidan's**
- Friday 17th, 5.30pm: **Carols in Wideopen**
- Sat 18th Dec, 10am-12pm, **Saturday Café in the Community Room**
- Sunday 19th Dec, 2-5pm, **Vicarage Open House, 60 Barmoor Drive**
- Sunday 19th, 6pm: **Lessons and Carols at church**
- Monday 20th 6pm: **Angelic Carols around the Tree with the Ravenswood Singers at Great Park Community Centre**
- Thursday 23rd, 3.30pm: **Church in Park Nativity:Great Park Community Centre**
- Friday 24th, 4pm: **Crib Service at St Aidan's**
- Friday 24th, 11.30pm: **Midnight Mass at St Aidan's**
- Saturday 25th, 9.30: **Christmas Day Family Eucharist at St Aidan's**

NOTICES

SUNDAY SERVICE – today we have our monthly 8am Holy Communion service, followed at 9:30m with our Parish Eucharist service which will be broadcast live to those wishing to watch from home using link <https://bit.ly/2021Advent2>

ANNE HAVIS – it is with sadness that we announce that Anne passed away on 26th November. There will be a memorial service held on Monday 13th December at 1:00pm in church.

CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY – our Christmas cards will soon be ready for delivering. If you are able to help, please speak to Catherine Stewart.

CHRISTMAS CARD FOR ST AIDAN'S – instead of writing individual cards this year – please add one card to the notice board, and if you can, put a donation in the box. The money will be sent to the West End Food Bank in time for Christmas.

ROSEMARY'S CURACY – has been arranged and it will be at Holy Saviours, Tynemouth with Steve Dixon the vicar as her training incumbent.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE – thank you to everyone who donated, gave their time and came along and supported our fayre last Saturday. The total raised was just over £1040. Well done and thank you.

VICARAGE CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE - Gerard and Karen (and Theo and Phoebe) will be hosting a Christmas Open House on Sunday 19th December, from 2pm-5pm. Do pop in for a mince pie and mulled wine during that time, they'd love to see anyone who would like to come!

ZOOM CODES – we have set up a new account for church which means that from now on all of our Zoom sessions will use only the following details:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7573778713?pwd=NGVjcTRLQjBEaStqYjFDSm1KOUQtQT09> Meeting ID: 757 377 8713 Passcode: StAidan

BOOKING ZOOM MEETINGS: if you would like to use the St Aidan's Zoom account for a church meeting, please contact Janice

SHEILA LONIE – would like to thank everyone for their good wishes and cards. It has meant a lot to her.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER AND PRAISE – will be held on Wednesday 8th December at 2pm. Everyone is welcome to the service and tea and mince pies will be served afterwards.

CHURCH OPENING – church is now open during the day, every day. Please come in at any time for some quiet time or prayer.

FOOD BANK – a little reminder that we still collect for the foodbank, and that there is a box at the back of church for donations.

CHURCH CORONAVIRUS RESTRICTIONS – when attending a service, please wear a face mask, sanitise your hands on entering church, and maintain at least a one metre distance.

DONATIONS - to make a donation to St Aidan's, please use 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 Gerard Rundell, Team Rector.

Within our church we pray for Ruth Hewett, Church in the Park and The Ark in the Park. Within the wider community we pray for local schools, including Broadway East, Brunton and Gosforth Park First Schools.

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

We pray for those who have died in recent days remembering especially Anne Havis.

We remember with thanksgiving and joy our loved ones who are now with Our Father in the heavenly kingdom – Jean Thorpe, Ronnie Gristwood, Doreen Alsop, Eric Frost, Emma Flynn, Francis Leslie

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