



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

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2022  
Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

This morning's reading is the first of two weeks that reflect on the two sides of the Christian calling. We hear Jesus affirm the two great commandments: love God and love your neighbour, and then follow two passages that can be read as elaborating on them. First, in direct response to a question, we hear the parable of the Good Samaritan, then next week we'll hear the passage that immediately follows it and the story of Martha and Mary. Together these two passages flesh out that dual calling, love of neighbour, and love of God. Or, to put it another way, of doing and being, of action and contemplation, of purpose and prayer. However we phrase it we're asked to reflect on these two sides of the coin that is the Christian life.

This Sunday though, we're asked to focus on the first. The Good Samaritan tells us that our discipleship must be active. It says to us: 'do something!'. It's notable that the question that the lawyer asks 'who is my neighbour', isn't the question Jesus answers. The lawyer is asking for a boundary definition: what are the limits of the community for which I invest time and care? Who's in and who's out? And yet what Jesus offers instead is a picture of radically active, boundary crossing love.

So first we need to note the huge gulf between Samaritan and Jew. The two were ancient enemies, with generations and generations of antipathy separating them. Geordie and Mackem doesn't even come close, though it's not a bad start! And yet the Samaritan crosses that boundary to show love. So love of neighbour sets no limits, no bounds on where that love is expressed.

But more importantly, what Jesus tells us, is not who is my neighbour, but how do I love. And his answer is: with intentional, active, generous, personal care. The inaction of the priest and Levite, are not neutral, they're a failure of love. Jesus tells us that love must be expressed in action, or it fails to be love. If we, as Christians, and as a church, are to love our neighbour, Jesus is saying to us: 'do something!'. Act, give, serve, care. Do something, to love your neighbour as yourself.

### **Reading: Amos 7.7-17**

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said,

'See, I am setting a plumb-line  
in the midst of my people Israel;  
I will never again pass them by;  
the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,  
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,  
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.'

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

"Jeroboam shall die by the sword,  
and Israel must go into exile  
away from his land.'"

And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.'

Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycomore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

'Now therefore hear the word of the LORD.

You say, "Do not prophesy against Israel,  
and do not preach against the house of Isaac."

Therefore, thus says the LORD:

"Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city,  
and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword,  
and your land shall be parcelled out by line;  
you yourself shall die in an unclean land,  
and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.'"

### **Gospel: Luke 10.25-37)**

A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took

out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

## **TODAY**

**9.30am: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Trinity** Rev'd Gerard Rundell preaches and presides.

**2:00pm: Team Walk** from St Columba's to St Matthew's (or 3pm at St Matthews).

## **THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Wed** 10.00am, Church: **BCP Midweek Eucharist**

**Thurs** 2:00pm: Community Room: **Film Club**

**Fri** 6:00pm, Church: **Food for Thought**

**Sat** 10.00am - 12.00pm, Community Room: **Saturday Cafe**

**Sun 10<sup>th</sup>** 9.30am, Church: **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Trinity:** Rev'd Gerard Rundell presides and preaches from Amos 8.1-12 , Colossians 1.15-28 , Luke 10.38-42

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> July 6pm: Musical Buds Concert in Church

## **NOTICES**

**SUNDAY SERVICE** – today's live broadcast link <https://bit.ly/4Trinity22>

**TEAM PARISH WALK** – today (Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July) from St Columba's Wideopen to St Matthew's Dinnington. The walk goes past the Big Waters Nature Reserve along easy paths, and is about 2.5miles long. We plan to leave St Columba's at 2pm, and arrive for refreshments at St Matthew's around 3-3.15pm. If you don't fancy the walk, but would like to join others from the Team for tea, do come straight to St Matthews. You can then either walk back to St Columba's or arrange lifts to drive home.

**CLEANING/GARDENING WORK** – we have had a request, asking if any females members of our congregation are looking for cleaning or gardening work that might support two local female Ukrainian refugees. If you think you could offer them some work please contact Gerard or email our Administrator.

**BISHOP OF NEWCASTLE** – please pray for the appointment of the next Bishop, which will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July. Prayer cards are available on the entrance table in the foyer.

**MUSICAL BUDS** - there's a Musical Buds concert at St. Aidan's Church on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm. Do please come along to support the young Suzuki Recorder & Piano students, the more friendly faces in the audience the better! Entry is free & donations are welcome to enable others to learn an instrument. The concert should finish by 6:45pm & will be followed by bring & share refreshments in the community room.

**BURNING BUSH ECO PROJECT** - please collect used cardboard (flat or tubes) wire/string and plastic wrappers, material etc in flame colours for an art project for our September Eco Parish service. Contact Sarah Troughton or leave items at back of church.

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP** - The Bible study group has resumed on Zoom with a series looking at the gospel according to St Luke. Our first session introduced Luke's gospel and further sessions on Monday 4th and 11th July at 7.30 pm will look at Luke 3 and 4. All welcome, whether or not you have been part of the group before. Contact Ken Newitt (kmnewitt@outlook.com) for further details. Meeting ID: 892 9413 7288 Passcode: StABSG Zoom link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89294137288?pwd=Zlo5WS9odDdybkJGQm1wd2ptL293dz09>

**ZOOM CODES** – all our Zoom sessions will use only the following details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7573778713?pwd=NGVjcTRLQjBEaStqYjFDsm1KOURtQT09>

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

**CHURCH CORONAVIRUS RESTRICTIONS** – face masks are optional, please sanitise your hands on entering church, and maintain at least a one metre distance.

**USED STAMPS** – if you have any used stamps, please save them and put them in the box at the back of church to raise fund for St Oswald's Hospice.

**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. There is a box at the back of church for donations.

**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: St Aidan's Cycle of Prayer***

**For the church** – St Nicholas' Cathedral. Churchwardens and all involved in looking after our building

**For the community** – Groups using our Community Room and the Community Centre

**For the world** – particularly for Ukraine, her people, refugees and the Ukrainian community in the UK, and our own national and political life.

**For those in particular need** - Gladys Johnston, Esther Wooler.

**For those on their anniversaries:** Les Surtees, Freda Dunn, Caroline Waller, George Carson, Herbert Robson, John Williams, Alan Davenport, Billy Cullen

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