



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

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2022  
Fifth Sunday after Trinity**

Last week we heard the parable of the Good Samaritan and were reminded of the call to do something! This week, I think we move to the other side of the coin, and the call to just be. If last week was about love of our neighbour, this week's gospel is about love of God. And if last week we discovered a love of neighbour that was radically active and shockingly boundary-breaking, this week Jesus commends a love of God, that is passionately attentive, and yet still shockingly boundary-breaking.

Mary as she sits at the Lord's feet, listening with rapt attention, is breaking all convention. Her place should by rights be with her sister. Only disciples of a Rabbi were allowed to sit in that posture, and that was a place where women certainly weren't welcome. And yet Jesus not only allows, but commends her. So this love is shockingly boundary-breaking, Jesus once again welcoming and including the excluded into his calling and grace.

And it is also passionately attentive. The story of Martha and Mary often makes us wonder who we identify with. What would Jesus have thought of no bed to sleep in, and no food on table for him and his disciples? Martha was doing was precisely what was needed and expected, and yet Jesus, it seems, is looking for something else.

We're told that Martha is distracted by her many tasks. As important as they may be, her activity draws her away from the one thing necessary: passionate attentiveness to the presence and word of her Lord. It pulls her away from the one place she will truly find life and peace and wholeness. Mary finds that place at Jesus' feet. And perhaps we're prone to Martha's mistake. In all our busyness – even in going about the Lord's work – perhaps we find ourselves pulled away from the one thing necessary. Perhaps we find that we can't stop any more, we can't listen any more, we can't just be. And yet, before anything else, that's what's needed. Without our simple, passionate attentiveness before God, we can never sustain our work in the world. Without the call to just be; to rest before God; to listen and learn and quiet ourselves at our Lord's feet, we can do nothing in true service of God or our neighbour.

Mary found the one thing necessary. Perhaps we need to find time to step away from our worries and distractions, and just be, at the feet of our Lord.

### **Reading: Amos 8.1-8**

This is what the Lord GOD showed me – a basket of summer fruit. He said, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A basket of summer fruit.' Then the LORD said to me,

'The end has come upon my people Israel;

I will never again pass them by.

The songs of the temple shall become wailings on that day,' says the Lord GOD;

'the dead bodies shall be many,  
cast out in every place. Be silent!'

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,

and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

saying, 'When will the new moon be over

so that we may sell grain;

and the sabbath,

so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,

and practise deceit with false balances,

buying the poor for silver

and the needy for a pair of sandals,

and selling the sweepings of the wheat.'

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:

Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Shall not the land tremble on this account,

and everyone mourn who lives in it,

and all of it rise like the Nile,

and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?

### **Gospel: Luke 10.38-42**

Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

### **TODAY**

**9.30am: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Trinity** Rev'd Gerard Rundell preaches and presides.

## **THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Tues** 6pm, Church: **Musical Buds Concert**  
**Wed** 10.00am, Church: **BCP Midweek Eucharist**  
**Fri** 5.00pm: **Food for Thought via Zoom (see codes below)**  
**Sat** 10.00am - 12.00pm, Community Room: **Saturday Cafe**  
**Sun 24th** 9.30am, Church: **6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Trinity**: Rev'd Ben Pullan presides and preaches from Hosea 1.2-10 , Colossians 2.6-15[16-19] Luke 11.1-13 (Gerard is at St Columba's).

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

### **NOTICES**

**SUNDAY SERVICE** – today's live broadcast link <https://bit.ly/5Trinity22>

**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 this week 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.

**KENTON FOODBANK APPEALING FOR URGENT DONATIONS** - Kenton Food Bank, the food bank most local to St Nicholas Hospital in Gosforth, is appealing for urgent donations to help them continue providing weekly food parcels to people in need. If you are able, please bring donations to church so that Sarah can deliver these to the foodbank.

**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.

**HOLIDAY POSTCARDS** – are you going on holiday this year? We'd love it if you'd bring a postcard back for our noticeboard to share with everyone where you've been.

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

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7573778713?pwd=NGVjcTRLQjBEaStqYjFD\\$mlKOURtQT0](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7573778713?pwd=NGVjcTRLQjBEaStqYjFD$mlKOURtQT0)

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** – Churches in our Deanery: Gosforth Parishes. DCC members and officers

**For the community** – Snakes & Ladders Playgroup, Brunton Babies, Nursery & Toddler Groups

**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, John Hewett

**For those on their anniversaries:** Kenneth Forrester, Margaret Purcell, David Henderson, Ethel Todd


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