



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

**Sunday 14th August 2022
Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

Most folk will be familiar with the traditional game of “Consequences”, in which each participant adds a story line without knowing what has been written previously. The resulting completed document is usually surprising and fairly ridiculous. The readings for this 9th Sunday after Trinity also deal with consequences, and in the Gospel reading what we hear seems equally surprising.

Luke writes that Jesus has come to bring fire to the earth, in itself an awesome thought, and moreover the consequences of this will not be peace but rather division. Surely this can't be right, he mustn't have read the script, for we've previously been told the angelic message was “peace on earth”; and is not Jesus the Prince of Peace, bringing healing and reconciliation. We must try to make sense of all this.

In the second part of today's Gospel, which doesn't really seem to have much connection with the first part, Jesus criticises those who are adept at reading the signs for things that are temporal and relatively unimportant but are quite oblivious to matters of eternal concern and value. No consequences are mentioned there, but perhaps you could add your own line: “and the consequence of that was....”

The other readings appointed for today also speak of consequences. From Isaiah chapter 5 we hear of the dire consequences for a vineyard which refuses to produce good grapes despite all the landowner's loving care.

The epistle passage, which will not be read this morning, is from Hebrews chapter 11. It likewise reminds us of the awesome fate that befell many of God's servants in times past as a consequence of being faithful.

Isaiah 5.1-7

Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watch-tower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.
What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.
For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness,
but heard a cry!

Luke 12.49-56

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?'

TODAY

9.30am: Trinity 9: Rev'd Ray Devenney presides and preaches for us from Isaiah 5.1-7 and Luke 12.49-56

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

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

Sun 21st 9.30am, Church: **Trinity 10:** Rev'd Pauline Pearson presides and preaches from Jeremiah 1.4-10 Hebrews 12.18-29 , Luke 13.10-17

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Fri 2nd Sept 12:00pm: **Funeral Service of John Hewitt, All Saints Church**

Sun 4th Sep 4:00pm: **Parish Evensong**

Sun 18th Sept 4:00pm: **Healing Service**

NOTICES

SUNDAY SERVICE – today's live broadcast link <https://bit.ly/9Trinity22>

CHOIR FOR PARISH EVENSONG – our next Parish Evensong will be held on Sunday 4th Sept at 4pm at St Cuthbert's church. If you would like to be part of the choir, please contact Chris Clinch by email cclinch164@btinternet.com

JOHN HEWETT'S FUNERAL – John's funeral is to be held on 2nd Sept 2022 at All Saints church Gosforth at 12pm, followed by a private committal at the West Road Crematorium. All are welcome to this service. No flowers please.

REV'D RUNDALL ANNUAL LEAVE – Gerard is on annual leave until 29th August. If you need any help during this time, please contact Rev'd Ben Pullan or a Churchwarden.

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 – for now, any items placed in the box at the back of church will be donated to Kenton Foodbank who are appealing for donations.

DONATIONS - to make a donation to St Aidan's, please use the following link

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

For Our Prayers: St Aidan's Cycle of Prayer

For the church – Diocesan and Deanery Synods. Our Thursday groups and Men's group.

For the community – Manor House, Bowmont House and Melton House

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 who have died and those who grieve: John Hewett, and on their anniversaries: Cliff Searl, Dorothy Pyke, Bill Charlton, Dorothy Dunthorne, Margaret Hancock, Frances Walker, Doris Gray, Hal Gibson

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