



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

Sunday 21st August 2022
Tenth Sunday after Trinity

What – and who - are your priorities? Comfort or community? Friends or strangers?

Some of our newspapers recently have suggested that when faced with the choice between buying fresh food or paying fuel bills, people should be content to eat mouldy and out of date food. I guess the question then is, would you routinely do that? If you wouldn't, why should anyone made in the image of God be left eating stale food?

The woman who comes to find Jesus in today's gospel has been left on the edge of society by the condition she has. She has been excluded. But after many years of being unable to participate, she has grown tired of waiting for change and has taken the initiative to come to the synagogue and seek help. And as soon as Jesus sees her, he calls her to him and restores her – makes her whole.

But this is not how the authorities think things should be. This is not how they see the law: she can wait till tomorrow, when she can be helped officially. Jesus points out that if it suits them – if it is a matter of looking after their own animals – then they are happy to act today. And he reminds the crowd that healing on the Sabbath is totally in keeping with the spirit of God's law, which is about freedom and justice for all... Justice delayed to suit an inflexible schedule is not far from justice denied.

The woman who has been made whole responds by praising God. She sees God at work in her rehabilitation, in her welcome into the centre of everything and her acknowledgement as important. We are asked to stand alongside this woman and all like her, seeing the world through their eyes and prioritising their needs - the needs of the vulnerable and excluded – as we follow Jesus' example.

*God of freedom,
This is the moment
When your healing escapes our desire for control.
May the joy of your love inspire us to loosen each others bonds
And restore the broken to wholeness
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen*

Jeremiah 1.4-10

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,
'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.'

Then I said, 'Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.' But the LORD said to me,
'Do not say, "I am only a boy";
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.
Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.'
Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,
'Now I have put my words in your mouth.
See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms.'

Luke 13.10-17

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

TODAY

9.30am: Trinity 10: Rev'd Pauline Pearson presides and preaches from Jeremiah 1.4-10 and Luke 13.10-17

THE WEEK AHEAD

Wed 10.00am, Church: **BCP Midweek Eucharist**
Thurs 2:00pm, Community Room: **Chat and Craft**
Sat 10.00am - 12.00pm, Community Room: **Saturday Cafe**
Sun 28th 9.30am **Trinity 11**: Rev'd Canon Jean Skinner presides and preaches from Jeremiah 2.4-13 and Luke 14.1,7-14

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Fri 2nd Sept 12:00pm: **Funeral Service of John Hewitt, All Saints Church**
Sun 4th 4:00pm: **Parish Evensong**
Sun 18th 4:00pm: **Healing Service**
Sat 24th 2-4pm: **Community Centre & St Aidan's Fun Day**
Sun 2nd Oct 9:30am: **Harvest Festival**
Fri 7th 6:30pm: **Beetle Drive**

ECO MONTH - SEPTEMBER

Sat 10th **3-4pm**: Deanery Celtic Forest Church service, St Nicholas Gosforth
Sat 17th **10am-12pm**: Volunteers to develop a patch of land (spot TBC) as a bio-diverse eco-friendly area
Sun 18th **9:30am**: St Aidan's Eco Sunday
Thurs 22nd **7.30pm**: Environmental Loss and Damage national vigil.
Wed 28th **7.30pm**: Talk with guest speaker from Christian Climate Action: 'Our Responsibilities At This Time.'

NOTICES

SUNDAY SERVICE – today's live broadcast link <https://bit.ly/10Trinity22>

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

REV'D RUNDELL ANNUAL LEAVE – Gerard will be on annual leave from 8th August until 29th August. If you need any help during this time, please contact Rev'd Ben Pullan or a Churchwarden.

ADMINISTRATOR ANNUAL LEAVE – our administrator will be on annual leave until Wednesday 7th September. All enquiries will be actioned on return. For any enquiries needing a quick response, please contact a churchwarden.

ROSEMARY NEW SPONSORED WALK - in aid of Restored and abused women, Rosemary is walking The Heritage Way. That's 101 miles, from in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire, from 22nd to 31st August. If you are able to, please fill in a sponsorship form available on the entrance table or give online through the following website: restored-uk.org/heritagewalk

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://givealittle.co/campaigns/8a599239-a9bd-4136-8b4b-1dcabb0a2c65>

For Our Prayers: St Aidan's Cycle of Prayer

For the church – Diocesan office staff and diocesan advisers. Readers Ken Newitt and Chris Sayers and Authorised Minister Bernie Troughton.

For the community – businesses on the Great Park

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: Derek Usher, Mona Watson, Richard Potts, Dave Robson, James Hepplewhite

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