



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

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2022  
Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

All are welcome

Humility and hospitality are at the heart of today's Gospel.

The sophisticated city folks in Jerusalem looked down on Jesus a country lad, they were often trying to catch him out. On one particular Sabbath, Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee. Jesus noticed how the guests worked their way to places of honour at the table, so he told them the parable in today's Gospel with its hard-hitting message:

For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

This concept is totally opposite of the way the world thinks. The world says if you want to be successful and be somebody you've got to push, fight and work your way to the top. But Jesus says just the opposite. He says if you try to promote yourself, you'll end up humbled.

In today's gospel story we see the polar opposite concepts of Pride and Humility.

The greatest warning about the danger of pride can be seen in the devil himself. Before the creation of the world, Satan was a beautiful angel named Lucifer. He let pride and ambition take over his personality until he rebelled against the Most-High God.

Jesus on the other hand demonstrates over and over again what humility and service look like, in the way he responds to humanity. When Jesus told this story, I wonder if it hit its intended targets. The Pharisees thought they were the upper crust in God's kingdom. They were the most religious, pious and holy people they knew, and if anyone deserved places at God's table, certainly it was them—at least in their own minds.

They had developed an attitude of distinction, but Jesus says, "Not so fast, folks! There are other guests who are just as important as you. They might not look religious, and they might not have all the right table manners, and they might not wear the best clothes or live in the best parts of the city, but I've invited them to the banquet as well. "

As a church It's important that we don't erect social barriers that keep some people from joining us at God's table.

The less fortunate in our society need both our natural gifts and the dignity that comes with being acknowledged. They need the gift of our friendship, and we need them as well. We are all welcome in the Kingdom of God.

### **Jeremiah 2.4-13**

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel.

Thus says the LORD:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me  
that they went far from me,  
and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?

They did not say, 'Where is the LORD  
who brought us up from the land of Egypt,  
who led us in the wilderness,  
in a land of deserts and pits,  
in a land of drought and deep darkness,  
in a land that no one passes through,  
where no one lives?'

I brought you into a plentiful land  
to eat its fruits and its good things.

But when you entered you defiled my land,  
and made my heritage an abomination.

The priests did not say, 'Where is the LORD?'

Those who handle the law did not know me;  
the rulers transgressed against me;  
the prophets prophesied by Baal,  
and went after things that do not profit.

Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD,  
and I accuse your children's children.

Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look,  
send to Kedar and examine with care;  
see if there has ever been such a thing.

Has a nation changed its gods,  
even though they are no gods?

But my people have changed their glory  
for something that does not profit.

Be appalled, O heavens, at this,  
be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the LORD,  
for my people have committed two evils:

they have forsaken me,  
the fountain of living water,  
and dug out cisterns for themselves,  
cracked cisterns  
that can hold no water.

### **Luke 14.1,7-14**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable.

'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place," and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

## **TODAY**

**9.30am: Trinity 11:** Rev'd Canon Jean Skinner presides and preaches from Jeremiah 2.4-13 and Luke 14.1,7-14

## **THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Wed** 10.00am, Church: **BCP Midweek Eucharist**  
**Thurs** 2:00pm, Community Room: **Prayer and Praise**  
8.00pm, Community Room: **Men's Group**, Percussion Evening with Rev'd Gerard Rundell.  
**Fri** 12:00pm, All Saints Church: **Funeral Service of John Hewett**  
**Sat** 10.00am - 12.00pm, Community Room: **Saturday Cafe**  
**Sun 4<sup>th</sup>** 8:00am, Church: **Said Holy Communion**  
9.30am, Church: **Family Service - St Aidan's Patronal Festival** (no communion): Rev'd Gerard Rundell presides and preaches from 1 Corinthians 3.1-9 and Luke 4.38-end  
4:00pm, St Cuthberts: **Parish Evensong**  
The rehearsal time for singers for the Evensong is 2.15pm at St Cuthbert's.

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**Thurs 8<sup>th</sup>** 2.00pm: **Film Club** showing "Belfast"  
**Sun 18<sup>th</sup>** 4:00pm: **Healing Service**  
**Sat 24<sup>th</sup>** 2-4pm: **Community Centre & St Aidan's Fun Day**  
**Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct** 9:30am: **Harvest Festival**  
**Fri 7<sup>th</sup>** 6:30pm: **Beetle Drive**

## **ECO MONTH - SEPTEMBER**

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup>** **3-4pm:** Deanery Celtic Forest Church service, St Nicholas Gosforth  
**Sat 17<sup>th</sup>** **10am-12pm:** Volunteers to develop a patch of land (spot TBC) as a bio-diverse eco-friendly area  
**Sun 18<sup>th</sup>** **9:30am:** St Aidan's Eco Sunday  
**Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup>** **7.30pm:** Environmental Loss and Damage national vigil.  
**Wed 28<sup>th</sup>** **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/11Trinity22>

**JOHN HEWETT'S FUNERAL** – John's funeral will be held on Friday (2nd Sept) at All Saints church Gosforth at 12 noon, followed by a private committal at the West Road Crematorium. All welcome. No flowers please.

**REV'D RUNDALL ANNUAL LEAVE** – Gerard will return from his annual leave tomorrow (Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August).

**ADMINISTRATOR ANNUAL LEAVE** – Janice will be on annual leave until Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September. All enquiries will be actioned on return. For any enquiries needing a quick response, please contact 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://givealittle.co/campaigns/8a599239-a9bd-4136-8b4b-1dcabb0a2c65>

***For Our Prayers: St Aidan's Cycle of Prayer***

**For the church** – Christ the King Team Parish, PCC members and officers. Moira and Kathryn, and all who enhance our services by their playing or singing

**For the community** – West End Refugee Service

**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: Ted Pentland, Ronnie Dixon, Bertha Thresh, Robert Peacock, Isabella Neal, Doreen Hampson, Dennis Holder

**CONTACTS:**

Church Office: 0191 236 7952

Team Rector: Revd Gerard Rundell 07394 792277 [rev.g.rundell@gmail.com](mailto:rev.g.rundell@gmail.com)

Administrator/Newsletter: Janice Charlton 0191 236 7952 [infostaidans@gmail.com](mailto:infostaidans@gmail.com)

Honorary Assistant Priest: Revd Ben Pullan 07977320895 [brpullan@gmail.com](mailto:brpullan@gmail.com)

Associate Priest (Great Park): Revd Ruth Hewett 217 0367 [ruthhewett@icloud.com](mailto:ruthhewett@icloud.com)

*St Aidan's Church Brunton Park Newcastle* [www.staidanschurchbruntonpark.co.uk](http://www.staidanschurchbruntonpark.co.uk)

