



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

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022  
Transfiguration Sunday**

This morning celebrates the feast of the Transfiguration. It's a moment of revelation as Jesus shines with all the glory of God and the disciples catch a glimpse of who he truly is. And as we reflect on this moment, and particularly on Peter's response, I'd like to think about boxes.

Because Peter, as soon as he's witnessed this moment, tries to capture it. He says to Jesus: 'let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He wants to contain and preserve this mountaintop moment. And I think we do the same. We discover something of God – some experience, some moment of revelation, some glimpse of his beauty – and we try to contain it. We put it in a box. Whether that's a small private box that we keep safe in our hearts, or a big stone box where we come together with friends. We try to contain and confine the experience of God.

But at the heart of the Transfiguration is something that can't be contained. It's not static and unchanging, it's not limited to the dwellings that we make, however lovely they may be. Instead we hear that as Jesus is transfigured and he speaks with Moses and Elijah they 'were speaking of his departure [lit. Exodus], which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.' At the heart of the Transfiguration is the road to the cross. It stops at the mountaintop, but it will return to valley where Jesus will face his trial and death.

So perhaps the mistake that Peter makes is that he tries to pin down a stationary experience of God, when he should be walking with Jesus on a pilgrimage to the cross. He tries to make a monument on the mountain-top of faith, when he should be walking in the dust of the path to life. He tries to put God in a box, when he should be following him on the road. Perhaps this morning we might try to do the same. To discover the God who can't be contained in a box, but who's glory is shown on the road to the cross.

## **2 Peter 1.16-19**

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

## **Luke 9.28-36**

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah', not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

## **TODAY**

**8:00am: Said Holy Communion**

**9.30am: Family Service** (no communion): Rev'd Gerard Rundell presides and preaches the Transfiguration from 2 Peter 1.16-19, Luke 9.28-36

## **THE WEEK AHEAD**

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

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

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

**Sun 14th** 9.30am, Church: **Trinity 9**: Rev'd Ray Devenney presides and preaches from Isaiah 5.1-7 , Hebrews 11.29 - 12.2  
Luke 12.49-56

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Aug 12:00pm: **Lunch Group**  
Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Aug 2:00pm: **Film Club in the Community Room**  
Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 12:00pm: **Funeral Service of John Hewitt, All Saints Church**  
Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Sep 4:00pm: **Parish Evensong**  
Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Sept 4:00pm: **Healing Service**

## **NOTICES**

**SUNDAY SERVICE** – today's live broadcast link <https://bit.ly/Transfiguration22>

**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.

**TECH TEAM VACANCY** – A vacancy has arisen in one of our Tech Teams. If you are interested in learning more about what these teams do, and would like to take over the position, please contact Gerard or one of the church wardens.

**CHOIR FOR PARISH EVENSONG** – our next Parish Evensong will be held on Sunday 4th September 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](mailto:cclinch164@btinternet.com)

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

**LUNCH GROUP** - will meet again on 10th August at 12.00pm for a 12:30pm lunch. Please see Pat or Pauline if you would like to join us.

**MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE FUNDRAISING** – Susan Armstrong planned to walk a total of 70 miles to raise money in celebration of her birthday later in the year. In May she actually walked just over 90 miles and has raised £335 plus £57 in Gift Aid. The charity is close to her heart, as she lost a very close friend to the disease, and a cousin is suffering from it. If you are able to donate some money, however small, she would be very grateful. The link is: [www.just-giving.com/page/susan-armstrong-1651472117480](http://www.just-giving.com/page/susan-armstrong-1651472117480).

**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** – Churches in our Deanery: Jesmond Parishes. Local Ministry Group and Pastoral Care Group, Eco church Group and Social Committee.

**For the community** – Brunton Park Medical Centre, local shops and businesses.

**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: Eva Hows, Brenda Short, Jane Dockar, Belle Allen, Penny Graham, Maureen Rhind, Rebecca Cleugh, John Blackman, Henry McGray, Kathleen Phillips, Margaret Danskin

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