



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

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022**  
**All Saints Day**

The feast of All Saints takes time to remember those who have gone before us, and walked in the way of Christ. It's a time to give thanks for the people and stories of faith that inspire us to do better as we walk our own path.

So we're told stories of the great saints: men and women recognised by the church as having lived particularly holy lives. These lives show us what it might mean to live out the upside-down vision of the beatitudes from our Gospel reading. A life that finds blessedness not only in riches, or pleasure, or easy times, but for the sake of Christ discovers a life of service that embraces even poverty, hunger, or persecution, and finds there the deeper joy of beatitude. We might think of figures like St Teresa of Calcutta who gave up her life to serve the poorest of the poor, and found Jesus there among them. These men and women show us what the life of holiness can look like.

But we also remember those everyday saints who have inspired us. Our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, who have shown us something of a holy life. Not perfect people, because they don't exist, but people who have had their hearts and lives shaped by the Holy Spirit's work. We give thanks for their place in our lives, and their continuing inspiration.

And finally we hear the call to become saints ourselves. All Christians are called to long for holiness. This isn't just for the select few, it's for all of us. We're asked to live lives that are shaped by our love of God and love of neighbour, and always, day by day, until we're called home to our heavenly Father, to grow more deeply into sainthood. Not that we have to push ourselves to attain perfection, but that we open our hearts to Christ at work within us, and allow his transforming Spirit to bear fruit in all that we do. This All Saints day, perhaps we might remember that call once again, and open our hearts to Christ's call to follow him.

### **Ephesians 1.11-23**

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were

marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

### **Luke 6.20-31**

Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

'Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

'Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

'Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

## TODAY

**9:30am: All Saint's Day:** Rev'd Gerard Rundell presides this morning while Mr Bernie Troughton preaches

**6:00pm: All Souls Service**

## 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** - Watching History Happen: South Africa in the 1990's. Talk by Rory Farrell

**Sat** 10am- 2pm, Community Room: **Saturday Café**

**Sun 6th** 8:00am: **Said Holy Communion**

9:30am **Family Service: Third before Advent:** Rev'd Gerard Rundell who will presides and preaches from Job 19.23-27a, 2 Thessalonians 2.1-5,13-17, Luke 20.27-38

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Nov 2:00pm, Community Room: **Film Club - The Windermere Children**

Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 10:45am, Outside: **Act of Remembrance with wreath laying**

Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Nov 10am-12pm: **St Aidan's Christmas Market**

Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Nov 10:00am: **Feast of Christ the King: Team Service at St Aidan's**  
6:30pm: St Columba's: **40th anniversary service**

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 7:00pm: **Coquet Concert Band**

## NOTICES

**SUNDAY SERVICE** – today's live broadcast link <https://bit.ly/2022AllSaints>

**RUTH'S CONTACT DETAILS** - following our farewell to Ruth, she has asked that we forward on her address so that you can keep in contact with her. Her new address is: 3 Herne Road, Oundle, Peterborough, PE8 4BS

**USED TOYS NEEDED** – we have quite a few young children coming along to our Sunday service and we'd love to have more toys to keep them entertained in the community room. If you have any clean toys in good condition please consider donating them to us. Nothing with batteries please. We're thinking along the lines of cars, trains, floor jigsaws, wooden toys etc.

**WARM WELCOME** – from the start of Advent, St Aidan's will join in the national campaign for churches to offer a warm welcome – somewhere for people to come that's warm, for a hot drink and a chat. We will offer a warm welcome at Saturday café, and our Thursday afternoon clubs.

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP** –will be having a two-week break and will resume on Monday 7 November.

**CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION** – our annual competition for all children in our parish is open. Design our 2022 Christmas Card. The card will be shared around the local community giving details of all the Christmas events to look forward to. The deadline is 6<sup>th</sup> November.

**ALL SOULS SERVICE** – will be held today (Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Oct) at 6.00pm to commemorate those dearly departed. Cards will be available before the service begins for names to be read out if not already on our list. If you are not able to attend the service, please view using link <https://bit.ly/All-Souls2022>

**CHOIR AND MUSICIANS NEEDED** – St Columba's are celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in a service on the evening of Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November. It would be lovely to have a choir and musicians. If you are interested in being part of the choir please contact Chris Clinch by email [cclinch164@btinternet.com](mailto:cclinch164@btinternet.com). If you play a musical instrument please contact Gerard.

**WINDBAND CONCERT** – the Coquet Concert Band will be returning to St Aidan's following their successful summer concert on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7pm. Entrance is by donations on the door, and wine and nibbles will be served during the interval, again for donations.

**MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE FUNDRAISING** – Susan Armstrong is doing a final push for funds in the next week as she celebrates her birthday. If you are able to make a donation, however small, she would be very grateful. The link is: [www.justgiving.com/page/susan-armstrong-1651472117480](http://www.justgiving.com/page/susan-armstrong-1651472117480).

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

**For the church** – Churches in our Deanery: Centre of Newcastle Parishes and City Centre Chaplaincy. Sidespeople, our Saturday Café, and all involved in our ministry of welcome.

**For the community** – Uniformed groups

**For the world** – particularly for Ukraine, her people, and refugees. For Pakistan suffering devastating effects of flooding. For our own national and political life.

**For those in particular need** - Gladys Johnston, Esther Wooler

**For those who have died and grieve** – Fred Bewick, and on their anniversaries: Joan Carnaby, Robert Atwell, Joan Rockiffe, Gillian Holt, Sylvia Caldicott

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