



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

Sunday 13th November 2022 Remembrance Sunday

This Remembrance Sunday, particularly in a year that has seen war break out on European soil, I'd like to ask what it means to remember. And our readings offer us a shape to that remembering that looks to a past act, from a transformed present, for a future hope.

So we remember a past act. On Remembrance Sunday, we remember all those who have given their lives on the battlefields of war. Whether those wars are long past or ongoing, we take the time to honour the sacrifice of men and women fallen in war. So we remember with gratitude, but also with clear eyed lament at the tragedy of war. We remember the human cost of conflict, for soldiers and for civilians; for men, women and children. We remember because to forget dooms us to repeat the same horrors.

Then we remember from a transformed present. In our act of remembering we aim to shape a society here and now that will never glorify war again; that will never willingly send men and women to die; that will hold every decision of force in the memory of its cost. With war on our doorstep in Ukraine, all the more we remember the cost of conflict. We remember in order to be a nation that could never choose the path of aggression that leads to such immense loss.

Finally we remember for the sake of a future hope. We remember because we long for a day when war is no more. We remember with prayer, and the commitment to work and live for peace.

This act of remembering, looking to a past act, from a transformed present, for a future hope, is at the heart of our Christian faith. We remember each week the story of a past act of sacrifice, as Jesus gave his life on the cross for our sake. We remember from a transformed present: re-membered, healed, held and changed by this act of remembering. And we remember looking for a future hope in God's promise of a world that will one day forget the ways of war. A world where 'they will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain.'

As we remember today, we remember in hope because in God our past, our present and our future are defined not by the horrors and tragedy of war, but by the hope of redemption in a God who gave his life, that we might live. May we live out that hope, re-membered in Christ.

Isaiah 11.1-9

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

Luke 22.14-20

When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."

After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

TODAY

9:30am: Second before Advent: Remembrance Sunday

Rev'd Gerard Rundell presides and preaches; the service will include an Act of Remembrance.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon 7:30pm, Zoom: **Bible Study Group (see codes below)**

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

Fri 3:30pm, GP Community Centre: **Messy Church**

Sat 10am-12pm, Church & Community Room: **Christmas Fayre**

Sun 20th **10:00am Feast of Christ the King: Team Service:** Rev'd Pauline Pearson and Rev'd Mark Edwards preside over the service as Rev Gerard Rundell preaches from Jer 23.1-6, Col 1.11-20, Luke 23.33-43

Sun 20th 6:30pm: **St Columba's:** 40th Anniversary Celebration

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sat 3rd Dec 7:00pm: **Coquet Concert Band**

Sun 11th 4:00pm: **Christingle**

Mon 12th 7.30pm: **Carols on the Green (bus stop at Greenfield Rd)**

Sun 18th 6:30pm: **Lessons and Carols**

Sun 24th 4:00pm: **Nativity**

Sun 24th 11:30pm: **Midnight Mass**

NOTICES

SUNDAY SERVICE – today's live broadcast link <https://bit.ly/RemembranceSunday22>

SUNDAY SERVICE 20TH NOVEMBER – please note the later start time of 10am.

MESSY CHURCH – will meet on Friday at Great Park Community Centre where we will explore Christ the King and Preparing for Advent. Please bring along your little ones for craft fun, story and food.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE – Saturday 19th Nov, 10am - 12pm, with something for everyone... stalls, gifts, cakes, children's activities, festive refreshments, raffles and lots of prizes. We would be very grateful for any donations for the raffle, tombola, Christmas stall, cake stall and anything suitable for the **white elephant stall**.

ST AIDAN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE CHRISTMAS TEA PARTY - Thurs 8th December, 3.30pm-5.30pm. This is a free event open to anyone over 70-ish – food, drinks, entertainment, music, singing and lots of Christmas cheer. Details and booking forms are on the table at the back of church, Further information from Ben Pullan, tel. 07977 320 895 or Leigh Geddes. tel. 07491 295 449.

BOOKS – A new series of 'little books of guidance' is available at the back of church, each designed to be read in about an hour and tackles one of the big questions of faith and life. They're written by some of the church's best thinkers, and worth a read. Please take one home, and bring it back when you're done!

WINDBAND CONCERT – the Coquet Concert Band will be returning to St Aidan's on Saturday 3rd Dec at 7pm. Entrance is by donations on the door, and wine and nibbles will be served during the interval, again for donations.

KNITTED ANGELS – a huge thank you to everyone who has already sent in their handmade angels, they are fantastic. It would be really good if we could have an idea of how many more we can expect so that we can plan what to do with them! Please let us know - the more the better... and with a few weeks left until December there's still time to get involved.

PHOTOS – over the coming weeks you may notice photographs being taken during our services. These may include specific parts of the service but also the congregation. These photos will be used on our website to create a gallery of church life at St Aidan's and used to promote St Aidan's on social media. Please let us know if you are not happy to be in these photographs (including in a congregation shot) and we will blur out your image.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP - the group will be continuing its study of St Luke looking at Luke 9 on Monday 14th via Zoom (see link below). All are welcome, either regularly or on an ad hoc basis. Contact Ken Newitt (kmnewitt@outlook.com) for further information. Please note there will be no Bible study on Monday 21st.

DELIVERY OF CHRISTMAS CARDS – we really appreciate any help that can be offered by putting cards through doors, either in your street, when out for a walk or by getting the kids involved. If you can help, please let us know, we particularly need help on Great Park.

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

For Our Prayers: St Aidan's Cycle of Prayer

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

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

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 need - Gladys Johnston, Esther Wooler, Michael and Bob Harkness

For those who have died and grieve – Fred Bewick, Lillian Harkness, John Edwin Craig and on their anniversaries James Toward, John Smith, Doreen Chinnery, Jim MacIntyre, Colin Dunlevy, Frank Hindmarsh, Norton Dunthorne, Molly Bilbrough, Robert Nicholson, William Russell, Colin Purvis, Thomas Purdy

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