



Team Parish of Christ the King St Aidan's, Brunton Park Christmas 2022

Christmas Message from Rev'd Gerard Rundell:

As the year draws to an end, and as we celebrate this great festival of God coming to dwell with us in Christ, I'd like to offer a brief message of thanks as we look to 2023 and all that it holds.

At Christmas, God reaches into the world in order to make himself known. His glory is poured into a cattle-shed, and his majesty revealed in a child. God is the God who desires to be with us and to make himself known. Over this last year there have been many moments where I think God has done just that; where something of his glory or his grace have been made known, here in our community. And most clearly of all, I've seen that in the people who do so much to offer their service and prayer and praise as part of St Aidan's.

Whether it's in regular service behind the tea counter at Saturday Café, or on a Sunday morning. Whether it's in the behind the scenes work that goes into making sure our service happens, our groups run, our church is open, and our children or young people are cared for. Whether it's in leading our prayers, reading our scriptures, or joining in with the actions songs (even if you don't really like them!). Whether it's in cutting out hundreds of Christmas stars to take into school, or while you're there dressing up and acting out the Christmas story (there is photo evidence on Facebook!). Whether it's in baking cakes, or knitting angels, or delivering Christmas cards and newsletters. Whether it's in looking out for your next-door neighbour, or giving a donation to Ukraine, or going into our care homes. Whether it's in sitting quietly at home and praying for the needs of the world, or going out and trying to help in whatever way you can.

Whatever the way you've been part of God's work here in our little patch of the world, I want to say thank you! At Christmas, we're reminded that God has always desired to be part of our down-to-earth, day-to-day lives, and to make himself known through all that we do. I've seen that many times over this last year, in ways large and small, and I'm immensely grateful to be a part of it with you all.

So as you celebrate Christmas this year, may you know God's blessing richly sustaining you, and may you continue in all that you do and are, to reveal his light and life in the world. Happy Christmas!

CHRISTMAS DAY - SUNDAY 25TH DECEMBER 2022

9:30am: Christmas Morning Service: : Rev'd Gerard Rundell presides and preaches from Isaiah 9.2-7, Titus 2.11-14, Luke 2.1-14[15-20]

NEW YEARS DAY – SUNDAY 1ST JANUARY 2023

9:30am: Second Sunday of Christmas : Rev'd Ben Pullan presides and preaches from Galatians 4. 4 - 7 and Luke 2. 15 - 21
(please note there will be no 8am service today)

FAMILY SERVICE – 8th JANUARY 2023

9:30am: Epiphany: Rev'd Gerard Rundell leads us in our first family service of 2023 with readings from Isaiah 60.1-6, Ephesians 3.1-12, Matthew 2.1-12

SERVICE LINKS

25TH DECEMBER– today's live broadcast link <https://bit.ly/25DecChristmasDay>

1ST JANUARY – today's live broadcast link <https://bit.ly/1JanChristmas2>

8TH JANUARY – today's live broadcast link <https://bit.ly/Epiphany8Jan23>

For Our Prayers: St Aidan's Cycle of Prayer

For the church – Sacred Heart RC, St John's URC, Newcastle Cathedral. Those who assist in our worship: lesson readers, intercessors, servers, Eucharistic assistants and sacristans. Churchwardens and all involved in looking after our building. Retired clergy: Ben Pullan, Christine Crompton, Ray Devenney and Jean Skinner. Our Bishop Mark, Archdeacon Rachel Wood and Pauline Pearson, Acting Area Dean.

For the community – Christian Aid, the Children's Society, and other charities supported by the church and the Saturday café. Catherine McKinnell, our MP, Newcastle City Councillors, North Gosforth Parish Council. Groups using our Community Room and the Community Centre

For the world – for Ukraine, Pakistan and all countries facing hardship and conflict. For our own national and political life.

For those in need - Gladys Johnston, Esther Wooler, Joan Miller, Lindsay Miller

For those who have died and grieve –Pat Shields, Eleanor Swan, Barry Walmsley and on their anniversaries Robert Michael Tiffin, Alice Bottomly, Hiram Williams, John Ward, Lily Seargeant, Hazel Nicholls. Sheena MacLeod, Alice Vout, Joyce Russell, Minnie Browne, Doris Bartle, Charlotte Holmes, Robert Smith, Gavin Pitkethly, Martin Orde, Arnold Venus, Dorothy Elsie Lithgow, Emily Thain, Irene Sunderland, Liz Hepplewhite, Pat Page, Doris Wilmot, Moira Osborne, Jean Carson, Pam Cooper, Sadie James, Peter Leask

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