



Team Parish of Christ the King St Aidan's, Brunton Park Sunday 19th March 2023 Mothering Sunday

In this week's Gospel reading Jesus makes provisions for his mother as he's dying on the cross. Not the cheeriest subject for Mother's Day but an important one. He does more than ask the disciple to check on her or give her some financial support. He makes a very strong statement.

'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

In our age of nuclear family, it seems like a lot to ask. We live in a society where it's still unusual for parents to move in with their children even with the current cost of living crisis. It would be considered very unusual to move a friend's mother in with.

We often make a distinction between community and family. Community can be a very warm and supportive thing but it's not quite the same as family. With family we can be more vulnerable and often less polite. Family can be dysfunctional and unpleasant too.

Jesus doesn't make those distinctions. As children of God the Christian community that we're baptised into is encouraged to be family. To be more than polite. Family can be difficult but if it's built on love and forgiveness, it can be real and vulnerable. Knowing that you belong somewhere you are known completely and still completely loved despite your faults, failings or disagreements is the best kind of family and that's what Jesus offers us.

Mary isn't an inconvenient lodger in the disciples home she is a mother to him and he is a son to her. They are brought together by a shared grief but more importantly a shared love and a greater understanding of what that love means, in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Colossians 3.12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

John 19:25-27

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

TODAY

9:30am: **Mothering Sunday Family Service:** Rev'd Rundell presides as Ordinand Claire Lewis preaches with readings from Colossians 3.12-17 and John 19:25-27

11:30am **Baptism of Benjamin Lee**

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

7:30pm: **The Chosen Series, at St Cuthbert's church**

Thurs 2:00pm, Community Room: **Chat and Craft**

Fri 1:30pm: **Funeral Service of Jean Forster**

7:00pm: **Quiz night with pie and peas at St Columba's (tickets £3)**

Sat 10am-12pm, Community Room: **Saturday Café**

10:00am: **DCC/Church away day at Shepherds Dene**

Sun 26th 9:30am **Passion Sunday:** Rev'd Ben Pullan and Mr Bernie Troughton lead our service as Mr Ken Newitt preaches from Ezekiel 37.1-14, Romans 8.6-11 and John 11.1-45
(Rev'd Rundell at St Matthews and St Cuthbert's)

DATES FOR LENT LUNCHEES – 12pm start

Wed 22nd March: **Sacred Heart RC**

Wed 29th March: **St Cuthbert's, Brunswick**

DATES FOR THE DIARY - HOLY WEEK

Sun 2nd April: 9:30am **Palm Sunday**

Mon 3rd 7.30pm: **The Chosen (Episode 6) with Compline**

Tues 4th: 7.30pm: **The Chosen (Episode 7) with Compline at St Columba's**

Wed 5th: 7.30pm: **The Chosen (Episode 8) with Compline**

Thurs 6th: 7.30pm: **Maundy Thursday**

Fri 7th: 10.00am: **Good Friday Family Worship / Messy Church**

2.00pm: **An Hour Before the Cross**

Sun 9th: 6.00am: **Easter Vigil**

9.30am: **Easter Sunday Family Communion**

NOTICES

SUNDAY SERVICE – today's live broadcast link <https://bit.ly/2023Mothering-Sunday>

PRIORITIES AND PLANS FOR ST AIDANS – if you haven't already done so, please complete the Priorities and Plans for St Aidan's leaflet and put it in the box at the back of church. Your responses will help inform our discussions and reflection on our Church Away Day on Saturday and beyond. Today is the last change for those wishing to attend the Church Away Day at Shepherds Dene (10am -3pm) to add their name to the list at the back of church. The cost is £28pp which includes a light lunch.

LUNCH GROUP - will meet on 12th April at the Northern Rugby Club at 12:00pm for a 12:30pm lunch. Names to Pat and Pauline if you wish to join us.

DONATIONS FOR FLOWERS – there are envelopes on the table in the entrance if you would like to donate towards flowers in church. Donations can also be made via online banking (see below) using the reference 'flowers'.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP - continues via Zoom it's study of St Luke's gospel during Lent with a JOURNEY TO THE CROSS IN LUKE - Jesus' parables on the way to Jerusalem. Monday's 7.30pm. All welcome. Zoom link below, or contact Ken Newitt (kmnewitt@outlook.com) for more details.

THE 3 CS HOUSE GROUP - We would love you to join our house group. The 3 Cs stand for 'Christ, coffee and cake'. We meet fortnightly in one another's homes where we share fellowship, have light refreshments and spend time following bible-based course books (hence the house group name.) Our aim is to support to one another in our Christian journey and, through discussion and reflection, seek to strengthen our faith and discipleship, all in a relaxed informal setting. If anyone is interested in joining our fellowship, please contact Susan Armstrong, Tel 07963504743

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 OPENING – church is open during the day, every day. Please come in at any time for some quiet time or prayer.

FOOD BANK – any items placed in the box at the back of church will be donated to Kenton Foodbank.

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 – Mark Edwards and St Cuthbert's and St Matthew's. Our Children Groups, the Family Service and all involved in our work with children and young people

For the community – Kenton Foodbank

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

For the baptism of - Benjamin Lee

For those in need - Gladys Johnston, Esther Wooler, Alan Gregg, Martin Seaton

For those who have died – George Owen, Jean Forrester, Vera Selby and on their anniversaries: Donald Wright, Bill Richardson, John Malkin, Michael Croft, Derek Chinnery, Arnold Roylance, Joyce Corscadden, Eileen Liebetanz, John Tait, Judith Howard

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