



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

Sunday 2nd April 2023
Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week and the journey towards the cross. The week begins on a joyful note, with Jesus triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The crowds acclaim him as king, and Jesus tells the Pharisees: 'I tell you, if these [the crowd] were silent, the stones would shout out.' Jesus is king and all the world must know it! And, of course, the week ends with joy, as this king rises from the dead on Easter morning.

Two great pinnacles of the drama of Holy Week, but between them we walk with Jesus into the deep valley of betrayal and rejection and trial and death. We follow Jesus through his last supper and his agonised prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane on Maundy Thursday; his arrest and crucifixion on Good Friday; and the dark empty day of waiting that is Holy Saturday. As we enter this most holy of weeks, we follow Jesus on a journey from the pinnacle of Palm Sunday to the deep valley of Good Friday, before we reach Easter.

It's a trajectory that Paul wonderfully writes of in his letter to the Philippians, a passage often set for Palm Sunday, and which we'll use as our affirmation of faith. Jesus goes from glory to greater glory, but through the downward path of self-emptying, self-giving, sacrificial love. This Holy Week, we follow Jesus on that path.

though he was in the form of God,
he did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (*Phil 2.5-11*)

TODAY

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

9:30am: **Palm Sunday:** Rev'd Gerard Rundell presides over our service as we listen to a dramatised reading of the Passion

THE WEEK AHEAD – HOLY WEEK

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

Mon 3rd 7.30pm: **The Chosen (Episode 6) with Compline at St Aidan's**

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

Wed 5th 10.00am **BCP Midweek Eucharist**

7.30pm: **The Chosen (Episode 8) with Compline at St Aidan's**

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

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

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

Sat 8th: 10am-12pm **Saturday Café**

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

9.30am: **Easter Sunday Family Communion** Rev'd Gerard Rundell presides and preaches over our today's service with readings Acts 10.34-43, Matthew 28.1-10.

Thurs 6th April 7:30pm: Maundy Thursday

A celebration of Jesus' final meal with his disciples. The service will be a Eucharist with foot-washing and will be followed by the stripping of the altars. Those who wish to stay are invited to a time of silent prayer from c.8.30-10pm as we watch with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Fri 7th April 10:00am: Good Friday Family Worship/Messy Church

We welcome everyone to our family worship, which will be very informal and aimed to engage children and families with craft, music, refreshments and a journey through the last week of Jesus' life.

Fri 7th April 2:00pm: An Hour Before the Cross

As we fully immerse ourselves in the events of Good Friday, we come together in this sombre service spending time reflecting on the hour before Christ died upon the cross. To view online <https://bit.ly/2023GoodFriday>

Sun 9th April 6.00am: Sunrise Service

Join us bright and early on Easter morning as we join together for our 6:00am sunrise service celebrating that Christ is Risen.

Sun 9th April 9:30am: Easter Sunday Eucharist Service

On Easter Day we celebrate that Christ is Risen. There will be music, hymns, singing, along with the sharing of communion. While more formal than our usual family services, this is still a lovely service for families, where there will be the chance to help decorate our cross, there will be crafts in the community room and an Easter egg hunt in church at the end. A true service of celebration of Jesus' resurrection.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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| Tues 4 th | 2:15pm | Funeral service of Vera Selby |
| Thurs 6 th | 2:00pm | Prayer and Praise |
| Wed 12 th | 12:00pm | Lunch Group at the Rugby Club |
| Thurs 13 th | 2:00pm | Film Club – The Lost King |
| | 8:00pm | Men's Group – 'Nautical Talk' by Chris Sayers |
| Sun 30 th | 11:00am | AGM & DCC Elections |

NOTICES

SUNDAY SERVICE – today's live link: <https://bit.ly/2023PalmSunday>

PALM SUNDAY – today we'll begin the service with a procession into church. Please meet outside the Post-office for 9.30am if you'd like/are able to join the procession.

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.

MESSAGE FROM DOROTHY OWEN - I would like to thank everyone for their cards, flowers and kind thoughts at this very sad time. It has been such a comfort to us all. Dorothy and family.

AGM AND DCC ELECTIONS – St Aidan's AGM will be on Sunday 30th April, and we will need to appoint at least 3 new DCC members. Please consider if you would like to be part of shaping the life and work of St Aidan's Church, and if so let Gerard know that you'd like to stand. (there are meetings involved, but it's honestly not too bad!)

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION – over the next weeks notice is given for the revision of the Electoral Roll prior to the AGM. This is not a new Roll, so if you gave your details in 2019 there's no need to give them again. If you're not on the Electoral Roll and would like to be, please speak to Gerard or one of the Wardens.

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.

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 – Our Bishop Helen-Ann, Archdeacon Rachel Wood, Pauline Pearson, Acting Area Dean. Those who assist in our worship: lesson readers, intercessors, servers, Eucharistic assistants and sacristans

For the community – Catherine McKinnell, our MP, Newcastle City Council-lors, North Gosforth Parish Council

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

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

For those who have died – Ronnie Gordon, Vera Selby and on their anniversaries: Joan Garner, Patricia Malkin, Winifred Olsen, Nora Boyd, Ann Clothier, Robert Allison, Bob Ray, Christopher Griffith, John Noble, David Johnson, Norman Barritt, Jean Brindley

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