



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

Sunday 14th May 2023
Sixth Sunday of Easter

St Aidan's will be collecting to raise funds and help farmers in Malawi during Christian Aid Week this year.

We will join hundreds of activists taking on The Big Pea Challenge as part of this year's appeal. The focus for 2023 is on communities which are paying a harsh price for the global cost of living and climate crises.

Farmers in Malawi struggle to get a fair price for their goods and have been battling climate change, with rising temperatures and regular floods making it tough to grow crops.

But one plant is hardier than the others: the pigeon pea is a small but mighty seed which is drought resistant, soil-revitalising and high-protein. And it has inspired Christian Aid supporters in the UK and Ireland to think of 'Pea/P' themed fundraisers, so more can be done to make the most of the product!

The money raised during Christian Aid Week will help the charity's partner agencies in Malawi with projects to combat the effects of climate change on crops and ensure farmers are paid a fair price for their produce. The aim is to help people find practical and sustainable ways out of poverty, including gaining the skills to grow more resilient crops, restore soil fertility, increase harvests and to join cooperatives to earn more for their crops.

This is how the money raised during Christian Aid Week can help:

- £50 could provide pigeon pea seeds and farming tools for a family.
- £70 could buy a bicycle so an experienced farmer can reach others in remote areas and teach them essential business skills.
 - £250 could pay for a cooperative oven, supporting more than 800 people to turn their pigeon peas into profit by baking bread.
- £1,000 could pay for a fish food processor, so co-operatives can turn their pigeon peas into fish food and raise fish to sell.

Please give generously this week to support the work of Christian Aid!

Acts 17.22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring."

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

John 14.15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

TODAY

Easter 6: 9:30am: **Easter 6** Rev'd Gerard Rundell leads our service with readings from Acts 17.22-31 and John 14.15-21

THE WEEK AHEAD

Wed 10.00am, Church: **BCP Midweek Eucharist**
7.00pm, Church: **Silverline Dementia Choir**

Thurs 7:30pm, Church: **Ascension Service**

Fri 6:00pm, Church: **Peatle Drive**

Sat 10am-12pm, Community Room – **Big Brekkie**

Sun 21st 9:30am: **Easter 7** Rev'd Ben Pullan leads our service as Rev'd Gerard Rundell preaches with readings from Acts 1.6-14 and John 17.1-11

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thurs 25th 2:00pm **Chat and Craft**, Community Room

Sat 27th-Sun 28th 9:30am **24 hours of Prayer, with Zoom Service to start**

Thurs 1st Jun 2:00pm **Prayer and Praise**: Community Room
8:00pm **Men's Group- Atlantic Rowing Adventure: Talk by Phil Kite**: Community Room

Sat 1st Jul 2-4pm **Summer Fayre**

NOTICES

SUNDAY SERVICE – today's live link: <https://bit.ly/6Easter23>

LUNCH GROUP – will meet on Wednesday 7th June at 12pm at the Rugby Club. Names to Pat or Pauline if you wish to join us.

VIOLET MEAD – would like to thank everyone for their cards, flowers and best wishes on her 99th birthday.

SILVERLINE MEMORIES DEMENTIA CHOIR – will hold a performance at St Aidan's on Wed 17th May at 7pm. Everyone welcome, donations on the door.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK – this week. Can you consider being a collector, support our Peatle Drive, or come along to the Big Brekkie. It all makes a big difference to those in need.

PEATLE DRIVE – this Friday 19th May at 6pm will be a fun, family event to raise funds for Christian Aid. There'll be pizza from Oli and Joe's, and percussion entertainment too. The cost is £5 per person to cover the cost of the evening with an additional donation towards Christian Aid. Please add your name to the list at the back of church if you are able to come.

BIG BREKKIE – is back on Saturday 20th May at 10am, with delicious pancakes being kindly donated by Monsieur Crepe. Funds raised go to Christian Aid.

24 HOURS OF PRAYER FOR THY KINGDOM COME – Between Ascension and Pentecost, the church sets aside a special time of prayer for the church and its mission and witness, called Thy Kingdom Come. We're planning to mark that with 24 hours of continuous prayer across the Team Parish, between Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th May. You're invited to sign up for a 1 hour slot to pray, whether at home, or in church. Sign up on the sheet at the back of church, or online via: <https://signup.24-7prayer.com/signup/ec21f3>

SUMMER FAYRE – we are beginning to plan our summer fayre which will be held on Sat 1st July. If you have any new ideas for stalls, or can volunteer to help on the day, please speak to Pat, Catherine, Winnie or Susan.

ZOOM CODES – all our Zoom sessions will use only the following details:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7573778713?pwd=NGVjcTRLQjBEaStqYjFDsm1KOURtQT09M>
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.

USED STAMPS – if you have any used stamps, please save them and put them in the box at the back of church to raise fund for St Oswald's Hospice.

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 – Diocesan and Deanery Synods. Our Thursday groups and Men's group

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

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, Alan Phillips

For those who have died – and on their anniversaries: Joan Sargent, Margaret Turnbull, Mary Irving, Frank Dockar, Lindon Churnside,

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