



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

Sunday 21st May 2023
Seventh 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 1.6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

John 17.1-11

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'

TODAY

9:30am: **Easter 7:** Rev'd Gerard Rundell leads our service. We have a talk from a representative of Christian Aid. Readings are Acts 1.6-14 & John 17.1-11

Messy Church: 3:30pm, Great Park Community Centre.

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

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

Sat 9:30am, **24 hours of Prayer, with Zoom Service to start**

10am-12pm, Community Room – **Saturday Café**

Sun 28th 9:30am: **Pentecost** Mr Bernie Troughton leads our service as Rev'd Gerard Rundell preaches with readings from Acts 2.1-21 and John 20.19-23

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thurs 1 st Jun	2:00pm	Prayer and Praise: Community Room
	8:00pm	Men's Group- Atlantic Rowing Adventure: Talk by Phil Kite: Community Room
Wed 7 th June	12:00pm	Lunch Group: Rugby Club
Sat 1 st Jul	2-4pm	Summer Fayre

NOTICES

SUNDAY SERVICE – today's live link: <https://bit.ly/7Easter23>

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.

24 HOURS OF PRAYER FOR THY KINGDOM COME – For 'Thy Kingdom Come' we're planning to hold 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 and you can either pray at home, or in church.**

We'll begin with a short Zoom service at 9.30am on Saturday to kick things off! 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.

ADMINISTRATOR ANNUAL LEAVE – our administrator will be on annual leave until Friday 2nd June. Any general enquiries will be answered on her return, urgent requests should be directed to Rev'd Rundell and newsletter notices to Catherine.

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 office staff and diocesan advisers. Readers Ken Newitt and Chris Sayers and Authorised Minister Bernie Troughton

For the community – businesses on the Great Park

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: Edith Watson, Derrick Phillipson, Eva Turner, Freda Sharp, Helen Newton, John Clasper, Richard Raper, Norman Taylor, Mary Palgrave, Bill Mead

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