



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

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

On Saturday, we marked a historic day for our nation as King Charles III was crowned. As we celebrate that day and all that it means, there are two parts of the Coronation service that stand out for me. The first is the prayer that the King prayed after he made his oaths as he said:

*God of compassion and mercy  
whose Son was sent not to be served but to serve,  
give grace that I may find in thy service perfect freedom  
and in that freedom knowledge of thy truth.  
Grant that I may be a blessing to all thy children,  
of every faith and conviction,  
that together we may discover the ways of gentleness  
and be led into the paths of peace.  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

And the second is the moment of anointing as the Archbishop of Canterbury prays:

*Be your hands anointed with holy oil.  
Be your breast anointed with holy oil.  
Be your head anointed with holy oil,  
as kings, priests, and prophets were anointed.*

*And as Solomon was anointed king by Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet, so may you be anointed, blessed, and consecrated King over the peoples, whom the Lord your God has given you to rule and govern; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

This Coronation is rooted in the idea of a sacred Kingly service. It's an idea that makes little sense without the example of Christ. Jesus' teaching and example suffuses this ceremony as he says: 'the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves.' This historic ceremony, perhaps asks us to see the Holy Spirit at work in all the complexities of power and leadership to offer an image, not of selfish gain, but of duty and service. It is an idea fast fading from wider culture, but perhaps King Charles might re-direct us to the example Christ, our Servant King. And in all the complexities of our world and our lives, perhaps we too might know this sacred call to follow him as his anointed servants.

## **1 Kings 3.4-10**

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."

Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

"Now, Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"

The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this.

## **Luke 22.24-30**

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

'You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

## **TODAY**

**Easter 5:** 8:00am: **Said Holy Communion**

9:30am: **Family Service** Rev'd Gerard Rundell presides and preaches with readings from 1 Kings 3.4-10, Luke 22.24-30

12:00pm: **Coronation Community Event:** St Aidan's Green:

4:00pm: **Team Coronation Evensong**, St Aidan's

## **THE WEEK AHEAD**

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

**Thurs** 2:00pm, Community Room - **Film Clup - "Up"**

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

**Sun 14<sup>th</sup>** 9:30am: **Easter 6** Rev'd Gerard Rundell leads our service with readings from Acts 17.22-31 and John 14.15-21

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> May 7:30pm **Ascension Service**, Church  
Fri 19<sup>th</sup> May 6:00pm **Peatle Drive**, Church  
Sat 20<sup>th</sup> May 10:00am **Big Brekkie**, Community Room  
Sat 27<sup>th</sup>-Sun 28<sup>th</sup> 9:30am **24 hours of Prayer**

## **NOTICES**

**SUNDAY SERVICE** – today's live link: <https://bit.ly/5Easter23>

**CORONATION COMMUNITY EVENT** – today between 12-3pm. Bring your own picnic and enjoy a lovely community event.

**FILM CLUB** – this Thursday is film club, with 'Up' – a Pixar Animation about a retired balloon salesman who goes on an exciting adventure. Great fun to watch, certificate U, run time 1 hour 35 minutes.

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK** – 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> May will help bring Dignity Equality Justice and Love for those in greatest need. Please make a note of the dates and consider being a collector – it is a very rewarding event in which we can really help those in need. (Last year we raised over £3,000 with our House-to-House collection and Big breakfast.)

**PEATLE DRIVE** – our first Peatle Drive will be held on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm to raise funds for Christian Aid. Following the same rules as beetle drive, but making a pea plant, and followed by pizza with some percussion for 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 20<sup>th</sup> May at 10am, with delicious pancakes being kindly donated by Monsieur Crepe. Funds raised go to Christian Aid.

**KITCHEN TEA ROTA** – is available at the back of church for both Saturday café and Sunday tea duties following our 9:30am service. Please add your name if you are able to help out. Training can be given to new volunteers.

**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'd like to try and mark that with 24 hours of continuous prayer across the Team Parish, between Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May. You're invited to sign up for a 1 hour slot to pray, whether at home, or in church. More details and resources to follow.

**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** – Churches in our Deanery: Jesmond Parishes. Local Ministry Group and Pastoral Care Group, Eco church Group and Social Committee

**For the community** – Brunton Park Medical Centre, local shops and businesses

**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 preparing for marriage** – Cameron & Abigail, Jamie & Emily

**For those who have died** – and on their anniversaries: Vigny Kain, Harry Wilkinson, John Thompson John Dawson, Jack Tweedy, Kathryn Yeaman

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