



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

**Sunday 28th May 2023  
Trinity Sunday**

This Sunday is Trinity Sunday, the one day a year we intentionally set aside to reflect on the doctrine of the Holy Trinity. It's a doctrine that is well known for being theologically difficult, as we speak of One God, in Three Persons, but our reading from Paul's letter to the Corinthians maybe gives us a way to approach it. Paul signs off his letter praying for the grace of Jesus, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.

So first we hear of the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, who is sent by the Father, and anointed by the Spirit, to offer salvation to the world. This is the Trinity in action. It is the sending of God's self to the world, through the life, death and resurrection of the Son. Jesus as the eternal Son, fully human and fully divine, offers the greatest free gift of love that God could offer. He offers the life of God, given for us on a cross, and bursting afresh from an empty tomb. And this is grace. The Father sends the Son, so that by the Spirit there is nothing that can separate us from his love. The eternal Trinity stoops to earth and become one of us, so that we could know who God truly is. God gives Godself to the world in Jesus and even death cannot hold it back. This is the grace of the Son.

Then Paul speaks of the love of God. For me this is heart of the doctrine of the Trinity. That it is about love. Only the Trinity makes sense of John's claim in his letter that 'God is love' (1 John 4.16). Because love is dynamic, not static; love is discovered in relationship, not in isolation; love is given and received not simply held. So if God *is* love, there must be a dynamic relationship of love at God's heart. And this is exactly what the Trinity is. St Augustine spoke of the Father, Son and Spirit as the Lover, the Beloved and the Love Between them. An eternal communion of perfect love at the heart of God. This is the love of God.

And finally Paul prays for the communion of the Holy Spirit. Because while the Trinity loves perfectly and eternally, that love overflows into God's creation, and the Holy Spirit draws us into communion with that love. Through the Holy Spirit, we are caught up in the love of God, able to receive and return the love of God, and offer and receive that love to others. This is the communion of the Spirit.

So the Holy Trinity from the eternal love of God, sends grace to the world through the Son, and draws us into communion by the Spirit. Surely that's something to be wondered at, at least once a year!

## **2 Corinthians 13.11-13**

Brothers and sisters, put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

## **Matthew 28.16-end**

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

## **TODAY**

9:30am: **Trinity Sunday Family Service** Rev'd Gerard Rundell leads and preaches with readings from 2 Corinthians 13.11-13 and Matthew 28.16-end

11:30am: **Baptism of Ezra**

## **THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Mon** 7.30pm, Zoom **Bible Study Group**

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

12:00pm, Rugby Club: **Lunch Group**

**Thurs** 2:00pm, Community Room : **Film Club - Mrs Harris goes to Paris**

**Fri** 6:00pm, St Columba's Church **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

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

3:00pm, St Columba's **Strawberry Tea and Concert**

**Sun 11<sup>th</sup>** 9:30am: **Trinity1** Rev'd Ray Devenney leads and preaches at our service with readings from Genesis 12.1-9 , Romans 4.13-25 and Matthew 9.9-13,18-26 (Gerard at St Matthews and St Cuthbert's)

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Sun 18<sup>th</sup> June 3:30pm **Messy Church:** Great Park Community Centre

Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> 2:00pm **Chat and Craft:** Community Room

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Jul 2-4pm **Summer Fayre**

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Jul 3pm **Hannah Malcolm's Ordination** Cathedral

6pm **Welcome and Evelyn's Baptism:** St Aidan's

## **NOTICES**

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

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP** - We are resuming our Zoom study of St Luke's gospel at 7.30 pm on Monday 5th June, at Luke chapter 18. This session will look at the two parables in Luke 18.1-14. All welcome. Zoom link below, or contact Ken Newitt ([kmnewitt@outlook.com](mailto:kmnewitt@outlook.com)) for more details

**FILM CLUB** – our film this week is 'Mrs Harris goes to Paris' about a cleaning lady who saves up to buy a Dior dress in Paris. Lesley Manville is the star.

**SUMMER FAYRE** – we are beginning to plan our summer fayre which will be held on Sat 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**ST COLUMBAS 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS** – On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June everyone is warmly invited to join St Columba's in celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Friday at 6pm will be a service with Bishop Mark preaching and presiding, followed by a buffet. Saturday from 3pm will be a Strawberry Tea with a concert by the Ravenswood Singers. Tickets will be £5 for the Tea, £5 for the concert, or £8 for both. Do come and join!

**WELCOMING HANNAH MALCOLM** – On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 3pm at Newcastle Cathedral, our new Curate, Hannah Malcolm, will be ordained. Anyone who would like to go and support her is very welcome, but places will be limited so get there in good time! On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm at St Aidan's, her new baby Evelyn will be baptised, and there'll be a welcome buffet afterwards to welcome the whole family to the Parish. Hannah will then be on maternity leave until late November. She won't be officially starting until then, but she may be here on Sunday's from time to time just to be part of the congregation and get to know everyone! Please do pray for Hannah, Caleb and Evelyn as they settle in to this new phase of their lives.

**COMMUNITY CENTRE AGM** - Please come to the Annual General Meeting of St Aidan's Community Centre on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm. The Centre is a non-profit making charity organisation, run solely by volunteers and is a much used and valuable resource for the benefit of the wider community. We are always glad of voluntary support either as a trustee and member of the management committee or lending a hand in the day to day running of the centre. If you are interested please see, Chris Watson, Pat Spong, Barrie Todd or Ben Pullan for further information.

**GOSFORTH SINGERS** –are holding their Spring Concert on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30pm in Trinity Church admission £6. An hour of songs from stage and screen. (Some of our congregation are members of the choir)

**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** – Gerard Rundell. Team Rector. Great Park Community Centre and Shops

**For the community** – Local schools, including Broadway East, Brunton and Gosforth Park First Schools

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

**For those being baptised:** Ezra

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

**For those who have died** – and on their anniversaries: Clifford Coultas, Alan Davison, Betty Knox, Shirley Beck, Margaret Stevenson

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