

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

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023**

**Patronal Festival / 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Today we're celebrating 60 years since this church of St Aidan's was consecrated, and we're also celebrating our Patronal Feast Day as we remember this great Northumbrian Saint. St Aidan was a man who's gentle character, humble life, and zealous witness inspired the hearts of those around him. Alongside King (and also Saint) Oswald, he brought the good news of Christ to this wonderful part of the world, and he has continued to inspire its inhabitants ever since.

This Sunday as we celebrate the ministry of this remarkable saint, and the ministry of this church that bears his name, perhaps we might pray for the same gentle character, humble life, and zealous witness in all that we do. And perhaps like St Aidan our lives, and the life of this church, will inspire the hearts of those around us to discover the love of God for themselves. And perhaps they too might find their place in a welcoming and loving community of faith that has been here for 60 years and, God willing, will be here for many more to come!



*The statue of St Aidan outside the Priory on Holy Island that he founded.*

## Excerpt from Bede's Ecclesiastical History

They sent [King Oswald] Bishop Aidan, a man of outstanding gentleness, devotion, and moderation; having a zeal of God...On the arrival of the bishop, the king appointed him his episcopal see on the island of Lindisfarne, as he desired. As the tide ebbs and flows, this place is enclosed twice a day by the waves of the sea like an island; and again, twice, when the beach is left dry, it becomes attached to the land...

From this island, then, and the fraternity of these monks, Aidan was sent to instruct the English nation in Christ, having been consecrated a bishop. Among other lessons in holy living, Aidan taught the clergy many lessons about the conduct of their lives but above all he left them a most salutary example of abstinence and self-control; and the best recommendation of his teaching to all was that he taught them no other way of life than that which he himself practised among his fellows. For he neither sought nor loved anything of this world, but delighted in distributing immediately among the poor whom he met whatever was given him by the kings or rich men of the world. He used to travel everywhere on foot, never on horseback, unless compelled by some urgent necessity; so that, as he went, he might turn aside to any anyway he saw, whether rich or poor, and call upon them, if they were unbelievers, to receive the mystery of the faith, or, if they were believers, strengthen them in the faith, urging them by word and deed to practice almsgiving and good works.

## Matthew 9.35-end

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

## TODAY

9:30am: **Patronal Festival Family Service** : Rev'd Gerard Rundel leads us as Bishop Mark preaches

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**Mon** 7.30pm **Bible Study Group** Zoom details below

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

7.30pm, Church: **PCC Meeting**

**Thurs** 2:00pm, Community Room: **Prayer and Praise**

8:00pm, Community Room: **Men's Group – Tales of the Tyne**

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

**Sun 10<sup>th</sup>** 9:30am, **Trinity 14** Rev'd Gerard Rundell leads and preaches with readings from Exodus 12.1-14, Romans 13.8-14, Matthew 18.15-20

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm: **Film Club – Downton Abbey**, Community Room

9.30-4pm: **Quiet Day**, Minsteracres Retreat Centre

Wed 27<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm: **Alpha Course**, Community Room

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 9-12.30: **Macmillan Coffee Morning**, Great Park Community Centre

## **NOTICES**

**SUNDAY SERVICE** – today's live link: <https://bit.ly/Patronal2023>

**ALPHA COURSE** – From Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm at church, we'll be running an Alpha Course. This is a great chance to explore faith and ask questions about what you believe. Whether you're new to church or not sure what you believe, or whether been coming to church for years and just want to learn and talk more about faith, this is a great chance to do that over food, video input and friendly discussion. Please talk to Gerard if you're interested in joining us.

**YOUTH GROUP** - our Youth Group re-starts on Friday 8th September at 5:30pm. If you know of any 11-18 year olds who might like to join us, please let them know (a parent must bring them on their first day). We have a lot of fun, play games, chat, have a short talk and prayer, then enjoy a meal (generally pizza). We sometimes do really cool stuff (green screen movies, Nerf gun wars, candle-making and even a rap-concert to name a few) then we have an end of term outing, the venue decided by the Youth Group.

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP** The Bible study group will resume its study of Luke's gospel on Zoom on Monday 4 September at 7.30 pm, looking at Jesus' teaching in the Temple in Luke 20.1-26. All welcome, Zoom details as below. For further information, contact Ken Newitt, [kmnewitt@outlook.com](mailto:kmnewitt@outlook.com).

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING** – Ann Cross and Susan Armstrong are holding a coffee morning to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support, and as an extra collection point for our Harvest collections. It will be 9.00-12.30 on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September. They're looking for any prizes that could go on the tombola, and also for people to come along and support. It's a great way to show our presence on the Great Park and support a good cause, so please do help out if you can!

**QUIET DAY LED BY FLO NILSSON** – Many of you will know Flo Nilsson, a trained Spiritual Director, Retreat Leader and Prayer Guide. She's running a quiet day on prayer at Minsteracres Retreat Centre. The day provides space to look at the questions...What is Prayer? How do we pray? We will look at Images of

God and how this can affect our relationship with Him. The day will also provide an opportunity to experience different ways of praying, to help spiritual growth. To book a place contact Minsteracres Retreat Centre. Tel: 01434 673248. Lunch and refreshments are included in the booking price.

**CHANGES TO NEWSLETTER** – from next week we are trying out some changes to our newsletter. It will become a shorter A5 version. Please let us know what you think. We hope the new format will save some time and printing costs, and allow us to use those to better show our community what's going on at church, but we want to hear your thoughts! The email version of the newsletter is also being re-designed, and will be in a much easier to read format (and with no need to open an attachment). If you would like to receive a longer email version and aren't yet on our mailing list, please email our administrator to be added: [infostaidans@gmail.com](mailto:infostaidans@gmail.com)

**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

**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

**For the community** – Great Park Community Centre and shops. Local schools, including Havannah, Brunton and Gosforth Park First Schools

**For the world** – 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 being baptised** - Mabel

**For those who have died** –and on their anniversaries: Jean Rutherford Parkin, Claire Horton Westwater, Edna Craig, Godfrey Wright

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