

The Parable of the Talents



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

**Sunday 19th November 2023
Second Sunday before Advent**

The four Sundays of November, officially the four Sundays before Advent, make up what is now called the Kingdom Season. It's not really a separate 'season', more a sort of interlude between the long period of Ordinary Time through the summer (the umpteen Sundays after Trinity) and the season of Advent, which starts the new church year at the beginning of December.

The liturgical colour (the colour of our altar frontal and vestments) is red, particularly appropriate for the three special Sundays in the season – All Saints at the beginning of the month (the blood of the martyrs), Remembrance Sunday last Sunday (poppies) and the climax of the season, our patronal festival of Christ the King next Sunday (scarlet being the colour of royal robes). Today is the odd one out in that there is nothing and nobody special to remember or celebrate. The Kingdom season brings together past, present and future, in remembrance of those who have died in faith, in anticipation of the day when Christ will return as King and Judge, and today in the opportunity to reflect on what it means to pray 'Your Kingdom come, on earth as in heaven', before we move into the new church year and our thoughts turn to Christmas.

1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Matthew 25.14-30

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

TODAY

9:30am: **Second Sunday before Advent:** Rev'd Gerard Rundell leads our service as Mr Ken preaches

6.30pm: **St Columba's Ruby Service**

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon 1:00pm: Church, **Funeral for Jack Murgatroyd**
Mon 7:30pm, Zoom (code below): **Bible Study Group**
Wed 10.00am, Church: **BCP Midweek Eucharist**
Thurs 2:00pm: Community Room, **Chat and Craft**
Sat 10am, Community Room: **Saturday Café**

Sun 26th 10.00am: **Christ the King Team Celebration**, St Matthew's
4:00pm: **Team Confirmation Service**, St Aidan's

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wed 6th Dec 7.00pm: St Columba's Church, **Advent Quiet Evening**
Thurs 7th Dec 2.00pm: Community Room, **Chat and Craft**
7.00pm: Northern Rugby Club, **Mens Group Christmas Dinner**
Fri 8th 6.30pm: Christmas Lights Turn on and official opening of
the Windsor Wing, **Manor House**
Mon 11th 7.30pm, Carols on the Green/Salvation Army, **Melbury**
Wed 13th 12.30pm: Rugby Club, **Lunch Group**
Thurs 14th 2:00pm: Community Room, **Film Club – 'Alleluia'**

NOTICES

SUNDAY SERVICE – today's live link <https://bit.ly/Nov19Kingdom> Apologies that we had technical difficulties beyond our control last week which resulted in our Remembrance service not being streamed.

CHRIST THE KING SERVICE – on Sun 26th will be a team service held at 10.00am at St Matthew's Church. There will be no morning service at St Aidan's. Please attend St Matthew's church if you are able to.

TEAM CONFIRMATION – will be held in church on Sun 26th at 4:00pm with Bishop Helen-Ann. Please keep those being baptised and confirmed in your prayers and it would be lovely if you could come along to the service to offer your support. If you are coming along and are able to bring some food for a small reception afterwards, please put your name on the list at the back of church.

ST COLUMBA'S RUBY SERVICE – conclude their Ruby celebrations this evening at 6.30pm with a special service followed by bring and share afternoon tea and Ruby book launch.

DELIVERY OF CHRISTMAS CARDS – we have chosen the design of this year's Christmas card. It was difficult decision as all the entries were fantastic, but we will make sure to share them on our Facebook page so that you can see all the lovely designs. Well done to 8 year old Sophia. Her design is at the printers and the cards will be ready for delivery from next weekend. We would really appreciate any help that can be offered by putting cards through doors, either in your street, when out for a walk or by getting the kids involved. If you can help, please let us know, we particularly need help on Great Park.

BIBLE STUDY - will be looking at Christmas in Matthew. For further information, contact Ken Newitt, kmnewitt@outlook.com.

LUNCH GROUP - will meet on Wednesday 13th December at 12.30pm at the Rugby Club. If you would like to join us please see Pat or Pauline.

ST AIDAN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE CHRISTMAS TEA PARTY - Thurs 7th December, 3.00pm-5.30pm. This is a free event open to anyone over 70-ish – food, drinks, entertainment, music, singing and lots of Christmas cheer. Further information from Leigh Geddes. tel. 07491 295 449.

WHITE RIBBON DAY – a day that calls for violence against women to cease. This subject will be the focus in a service at St Nicholas' Church, South Gosforth on Sat 25th Nov at 2pm. It will be a time of remembrance, repentance and renewal and is suitable for all.

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

BOOKING ZOOM MEETINGS: if you would like to use the St Aidan's Zoom account for a church meeting, please contact Janice

FOOD BANK – any items placed in the box at the back of church will be donated to Kenton Foodbank.

PLANNED GIVING - If you would like to set up a regular financial gift to support St Aidan's please click on the following link

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/brunton-park-st-aidan-newcastle-upon-tyne>

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 – all countries facing hardship and conflict. For our own national and political life

On their baptisms and confirmations: Jamie, Luca, Sam, Skye

For those in need - Gladys Johnston, Esther Wooler, Alan Gregg, Martin Seaton, Bruce Smith

For those who have died – Pauline Kalaus, Jack Murgatroyd, and on their anniversaries: William Russell, Colin Purvis, Thomas Purdy, Margaret Green, Rita Gillespie, Madeline Howard, Ronald Scott, Sylvia Haywood, Ralph Pyke

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