



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

Sunday 21st January 2024
Epiphany 3

In today's gospel Jesus performs his first 'sign' in John's Gospel, the miracle that starts his ministry. As it's paired with our passage from Revelation we can see some of the rich symbolism of what Jesus was doing. Not only is he saving a couple from embarrassment, and affirming the joy of sharing in a celebration together, but more than that he is pointing to the great wedding feast of heaven. At the very beginning of his ministry, Jesus points to the very end. The best is saved for last, and as Christians we believe the same. In our celebrations here on earth, we catch a foretaste of the wonder of heaven; as we share in laughter and fellowship, and maybe a good merlot, we catch a taste of heaven. But the best is saved for last, and even the richest wine of our lives, is only a glimpse of the wonder and joy of heaven. At the heart of Christian faith is the hope of the life that awaits beyond death. Just as Jesus did, we revel in moments of celebration here on earth, but those moments serve to point us to the fullness of joy that awaits us as at the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Revelation 19.6-10

I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, 'Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God
the Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and exult
and give him the glory,
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,
and his bride has made herself ready;
to her it has been granted to be clothed
with fine linen, bright and pure' –

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.' Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

John 2.1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

TODAY

9.30am: **Epiphany 3:** Rev'd Hannah Malcolm leads and Rev Gerard Rundell preaches

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon-Fri 8.50am, Church: **Morning Prayer**
Wed 10.00am, Church: **BCP Midweek Eucharist**
1.30pm, Church: **Funeral Service for Shirley Pentland**
Thurs 2.00pm, Community Room: **Chat and Craft**
Sat 10am, Community Room: **Saturday Café**
Sun 9.30am: **Candlemas** Rev'd Ray Devenney presides and preaches as Mr Bernie Troughton leads our service with readings from Malachi 3.1-5, Hebrews 2.14-18 and Luke 2.22-40

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thurs 1st Feb 2.00pm: **Prayer and Praise**, Community Room
8.00pm, **Men's Group**, Community Room
Wed 7th Feb 12.00pm: **Lunch Group**, Rugby Club
Thurs 8th Feb 2.00pm, **Film Club- The unlikely pilgrimage of Harold Fry**,
Community Room

NOTICES

SUNDAY SERVICE – the link for today's service is

<https://bit.ly/StAidan2024Epiphany3>

SHIRLEY PENTLAND FUNERAL –will be held on Wednesday 24th January at 1.30pm in church. Please pray for her family and friends as they grieve.

LUNCH GROUP - will meet on Wednesday 7th February at 12.00pm for a 12.30pm meal at the Rugby Club. Please see Pat or Pauline if you would like to join us.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP - will be taking a break until the beginning of Lent, when they will recommence looking at Luke's passion narrative.

MEN'S GROUP – will meet on Thursday 1st February in the community room at 8pm. The talk will be from Ben Pullan 'Up the creek without a paddle – Nigeria'.

FILM CLUB – will meet on Thursday 8th February in the community room at 2pm to watch 'The unlikely pilgrimage of Harold Fry' - a man sets out to walk across England to encourage his dying friend.

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 – Churches in our Deanery: Fawdon, Kenton and Kingston Park Parishes. Food for Thought and those leading it.

For the community – Great Park Consortium and ongoing development of the Great Park Town Centre

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

For those being baptised – Charlotte, Clara

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

For those who have died – Shirely Pentland, Kim Harrington, Robert Hedley and on their anniversaries: Wilfred Simpson, Kenneth Rickaby, Margery Scott, Daphne Stroud, Charles Hobson, Margaret Harris, Peter Anderson



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