



Team Parish of Christ the King St Aidan's, Brunton Park Sunday 11th February 2024 Sunday Next before Lent

This morning's Gospel reading gives us a moment of mystery and revelation as Jesus is transfigured in glory. For a moment on this mountaintop the veil is parted to reveal the beloved Son of God, filled with all the glory of heaven. In our lives we rarely see so clearly, but perhaps from time to time, we have our mountaintop moments. Those times when we see through the veil and spot something of God's glory. We may not see the fulness of it as the disciples did, but we have our moments of insight, or understanding, or connection to the sacredness of God. Perhaps it's in church as we gather in worship, or in the natural world amongst the beauty of creation, or perhaps in reading the Bible, or in the quiet or prayer. Perhaps the Transfiguration reminds us, as God says, to listen to Jesus in those moments. To be open to the glory of God breaking into the world and transfiguring it, and to listen to what we hear in those moments of God's saving love through his Beloved Son.

2 Corinthians 4.3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Mark 9.2-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

TODAY

9.30am: **Next Before Lent** Rev'd Hannah Malcolm leads as Rev'd Gerard Rundell preaches with readings

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon-Fri 8.50am, Church: **Morning Prayer**

Tues 3.30pm: **Family Pancake Party**

Wed 10.00am: **Ash Wednesday Service**
7.30pm: **Ash Wednesday Service**

Sat 10am, Community Room: **Saturday Café**

Sun 9.30am: **Lent 1** Rev'd Gerard Rundell presides and preaches with readings from Genesis 9.8-17, 1 Peter 3.18-22 and Mark 1.9-15 (Hannah at St Matthew's and St Cuthbert's)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wed 21st Feb 7.00pm for refreshments: **The Prayer Course**, St Cuthbert's Church (Wednesday's throughout Lent)

Thurs 22nd 2.00pm: **Chat and Craft**, Community Room

Sun 3rd March 4.00pm: **Team Evensong Farewell to Pauline**, St Columba's

LENT LUNCHESES

Wed 21st Feb 12.00pm: **St Columba's, Wideopen**

Wed 28th Feb 12.00pm: **St John's URC, Wideopen**

Wed 6th March 12.00pm: **St Aidan's, Brunton Park**

Wed 13th March 12.00pm: **Sacred Heart, North Gosforth,**

Wed 20th March 12.00pm: **St Cuthbert's, Brunswick**

NOTICES

SUNDAY SERVICE –today's service link is <https://bit.ly/StAidanNextBeforeLent2024>

SUNDAY TEA ROTA – we still have several gaps in the rota for teas and coffees after the Sunday service. Are you able to help?

PANCAKE PARTY – remind your friends that our Family Pancake Party is on Tuesday (13th Feb) starting at 3.30pm – we've prepared the crafts, games, story and we have a team in the kitchen ready to cook lots (and lots) of pancakes. We hope to see you then.

ASH WEDNESDAY – we will be having an Ash Wednesday service at both 10am and 7.30pm on Wednesday 14th February.

JOHN SHAW – it is with sadness that we share the news that John Shaw previously from St Aidan's church, but for the last few years at St Columba's, has died. His funeral will be held on Thurs 22nd February at 10:30am at St Columba's. Our thoughts and prayers go to his wife Wendy.

LENT COURSE - The Prayer Course: This year the parish Lent course will take a closer look at how we pray, through a video series produced by 24/7 Prayer. We will use a different line of the Lord's prayer each week to help us discuss and try out different ways of praying on our own and together. Everyone is welcome, whether you're a life-long pray-er or prayer feels completely new. Where: St Cuthbert's church. When: Wednesday evenings in Lent, beginning 21st Feb. 7pm refreshments, 7.30pm start.

LENT LUNCHESES - as always we'll be joining with our ecumenical brothers and sisters for worship and reflection, soup and chat over Lent. Do join us for this year's Lent Lunches, ever Wednesday at 12pm, details above.

INDEPENDENT SAFEGUARDING AUDIT – Parishes in Newcastle Diocese are being invited to complete an anonymous and confidential online Safeguarding Audit survey (link below) via the INEQE Safeguarding Group. This is to make sure we can create environments where everyone feels safe, valued and respected. The survey is live until 11.30pm on Thurs 7th March. Input is welcomed from anyone who would like to share their thoughts and experience.

Please visit: <https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/newcastle/>

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 and Deanery Synods. Our Thursday groups and Men's group

For the community – Manor House, Bowmont House and Melton House

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

For those being baptised – Isaac and Florence

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

For those who have died – Robert Hedley, John Shaw and on their anniversaries: Jennifer Wright, Geoffrey Henderson, Keith Bainbridge, Jessie McGray, Joan Pendlebury, Kathleen Holder, George Lonie, Mary Temple, Dorothy Smurthwaite



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