



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

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024**  
**Lent 1**

Today we mark the first Sunday of Lent. We hear of Jesus being driven into the wilderness by God's Spirit where he was tested for forty days. These days of Lent, as we prepare for the drama of Holy Week and the joy of Easter Sunday, call us to walk through the wilderness with him. We allow the comfortable habits of our lives to be unsettled by the call of Lent. Whatever the practicalities of it, whether it's giving up chocolate, or taking up prayer, Lent asks us to open our hearts to God's Spirit, and to be willing to be driven into the desert. To be willing to disrupt the easy routines of day-to-day life in order to open our eyes and our hearts to the call of God. So, this Lent, how will you allow your habits to be disturbed, and your routines to get something of a holy jolt? Where will the Spirit of God send you and will you follow?

## **Genesis 9.8-17**

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

## **Mark 1.9-15**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

## **TODAY**

9.30am: **Lent 1** Rev'd Gerard Rundell presides preaches (Hannah at St Matthew's and St Cuthbert's)

## **THE WEEK AHEAD**

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

**Mon** 7.30pm, via Zoom: **Bible Study**

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

12.00pm, St Columba's, Wideopen: **Lent Lunch**

7.00pm, St Cuthbert's Church: **The Prayer Course**

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

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

**Sun** 9.30am: **Lent 2** Rev'd Pauline Pearson presides and preaches as Rev'd Hannah Malcolm leads our service with readings from Genesis 17.1-7,15,16, Romans 4.13-25 and Mark 8.31-38  
(Gerard is on holiday)

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

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

## **LENT LUNCHESES**

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/StAidan2024Lent1>

**TEAM FAREWELL SERVICE FOR PAULINE** - Sunday 3rd March will be Pauline's final Sunday in the team before she retires. Please join us at 4pm at St Columba's to wish her well and give thanks for her ministry. There'll also be some refreshments after the service and a chance to say goodbye. Could you please sign up on the sheet at the back of church if you're able to bring something with you?

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP.** The Bible study group will be meeting on Zoom on Monday evenings during Lent to look at the passion narrative in Luke's gospel (chapters 22 and 23). First meeting 7.30 pm on Monday 19 February, last meeting 7.30 pm on Monday 18 March. All welcome. Zoom link as below. Contact Ken Newitt ([kmnewitt@outlook.com](mailto:kmnewitt@outlook.com)) for more information.

**ALAN GREGG** - We're sorry to announce that Alan Gregg sadly died on Sunday 11th February. Details of his funeral will follow, but please do hold Carol and the family in your prayers as they mourn his loss.

**LENT LUNCHESES** – start this week as we join with our ecumenical brothers and sisters for worship and reflection, soup and chat over Lent. Do join us for this year's Lent Lunches, details above.

**LENT COURSE - The Prayer Course**: starts this week at St Cuthbert's Church, looking at how we pray, through a video series produced by 24/7 Prayer. Using a different line of the Lord's prayer each week will discuss and try out different ways of praying on our own and together. Everyone is welcome.

**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

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

**For those who have died** – Alan Gregg and on their anniversaries: Philip Brantingham, Rex Chinnery, Cran Cowans, Doris Graham, Barbara McGovern, Tommy Parkin, Joan Brown, Susan Rennie, John Pargeter, Stuart Simon, Jean Forrester, Lesley Holmes, Anne Wood



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