



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

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024**  
**Second Sunday before Lent**

Our passages this morning take us from the very very big to the very very small – to quote the genie in the Disney film Aladdin, they take us from 'phenomenal cosmic power to an itty bitty living space'. But as we'll see that unlike a genie, this journey from the big to the small is not the result of obligation, but God's love for all he has made. Both passages give us a vision of phenomenal cosmic power. Before the beginning of time – before anything – God the Son was there. And the unfolding of the universe over billions of years, in galaxies, planets, continents, in a dizzying variety of creatures and colours and sounds – all of this has happened and is happening through him. Through him all things were made. In him all things were created. But God doesn't just leave us there, looking in awe at the wonderful, overwhelming weirdness of making a universe of meteors and zebras and pterodactyls and deserts and mushrooms. He goes one step further to show us how much he loves his creation. Just as we've begun to try to get our heads round the idea of the Son of God holding the universe in place, sustaining us and everything else that exists, our passages take us plunging all the way down, down, to an itty-bitty living space. We go from everything in existence to one child, at one tiny point in history. Why does God the Son become one of the very very small? As our reading from Colossians says this morning – this happens so that all these things around us – all things – can be reconciled to God.

### **Colossians 1.15-20**

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

## **John 1.1-14**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

## **TODAY**

9.30am: **Family Eco Service** Rev'd Gerard Rundell leads as Rev'd Hannah Malcolm preaches

## **THE WEEK AHEAD**

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

**Wed** 10.00am, Church: **BCP Midweek Eucharist**  
12.00pm: **Lunch Group**, Rugby Club

**Thurs** 2.00pm: **Film Club- The unlikely pilgrimage of Harold Fry**,  
Community Room

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

**Sun** 9.30am: **Next Before Lent** Rev'd Hannah Malcolm leads as Rev'd Gerard Rundell preaches with readings from 2 Kings 2.1-12, 2 Corinthians 4.3-6 and Mark 9.2-9

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 3.30pm: **Family Pancake Party**, Church

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 10am and 7.30pm: **Ash Wednesday Service**, Church

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

Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> 2.00pm: **Chat and Craft**, Community Room

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

## **LENT LUNCHES**

Wed 21st Feb	12.00pm: <b>St Columba's, Wideopen</b>
Wed 28th Feb	12.00pm: <b>St John's URC, Wideopen</b>
Wed 6th March	12.00pm: <b>St Aidan's, Brunton Park</b>
Wed 13th March	12.00pm: <b>Sacred Heart, North Gosforth,</b>
Wed 20th March	12.00pm: <b>St Cuthbert's, Brunswick</b>

## **NOTICES**

**SUNDAY SERVICE** –today's service link is <https://bit.ly/EcoFamilyService2024>

**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** – we are very much looking forward to our Family Pancake Party which will be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February. Starting at 3.30pm (or straight from school) we'll be having crafts, games, story and of course pancakes. Hannah will be on hand with parachute games while Caleb is chef for the afternoon, cooking freshly made pancakes for everyone to enjoy. We hope to see you then.

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

**JOHN SHAW** – it is with sadness that we share the news that John Shaw previously from St Aidan's church, but more recently St Columba's, has died. 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 LUNCHES** - 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.

**MISSING COAT** – has anyone accidentally picked up a coat that doesn't belong to them, quite possibly at the Carol service before Christmas? A gentleman has misplaced his and hopes someone has it safe at home.

**INDEPENDENT SAFEGUARDING AUDIT** – anyone from the following groups are invited to complete an anonymous and confidential online survey (link below) to comment on any matters relevant to the audit's focus, via the INEQE Safeguarding Group. This is to make sure dioceses and cathedrals are doing all they can to create environments where everyone feels safe, valued and respected. The survey is live until 11.30pm on Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> March. The groups are: Our Cathedral workforce; Cathedral worshipping community; Your parish workforce; Parish worshipping communities; Diocese workforce; Victims and survivors; Children and young people  
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** – Churches in our Deanery: Jesmond Parishes. Local Ministry Group and Pastoral Care Group, Eco church Group and Social Committee

**For the community** – Brunton Park Medical Centre, local shops and businesses

**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: Sarah Scott, Hannah Lloyd, Catherine McKeating, Roland Hardy, Joyce Earnshaw, Doreen Chapman, Francis Inglis, Ethel Chandler

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