



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

Sunday 10th March 2024
Mothering Sunday

"We sometimes think about motherhood as having being very straightforward up until about 70 years ago – we all have the classic picture of a mum at home looking after her doting children while her husband goes out to work. But taking on the role of a mother – and being mothered – has always been messy.

Our readings today are no exception to this rule. In Exodus we meet Moses' birth mum and adoptive mum. In our gospel reading we stand with Mary as she watches her son die on the cross, and Jesus makes her a mother to John, beginning the new family of the church. In both readings we are reminded of the sacrificial love demanded by those who mother, and of God's mothering love, drawing us together to care for each other

Exodus 2:1-10

A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because,' she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

John 19:25b-27

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

TODAY

9.30am: **Mothering Sunday Family Service** Rev'd Gerard Rundell presides and Rev'd Dr Hannah Malcom preaches

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, Sacred Heart, North Gosforth: **Lent Lunch**

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

Thurs 11.00am, Church: **Funeral of Maureen Carr**

2.00pm, Community Room: **Film Club**

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

Sun 9.30am: **Passion Sunday** Rev'd Cannon Jean Skinner presides and Mr Ken Newitt preaches. Readings from Jeremiah 31.31-34, Hebrews 5.5-10 and John 12.20-33
(Gerard and Hannah are at St Columba's)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tues 19th March 7.30pm: **DCC Meeting**, Church

Thurs 28th March 2.00pm: **Chat and Craft**, Community Room

Wed 3rd April 12.00: **Lunch Group**, Rugby Club

LENT LUNCHESES

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

HOLY WEEK

Mon 25 th March	7.30pm: Stations (1-5)/Reflective service
Tues 26 th	7.30pm: Stations (6-10)/Reflective service
Wed 27 th	7.30pm: Stations (11-14)/Reflective service
Thurs 28 th	7.30pm: Maundy Thursday Service
Fri 29 th	10.00am: Good Friday Family Worship 2.00pm: An Hour Before the Cross
Sun 31 st	6.00am: Easter Vigil 9.30am: Easter Sunday Family Communion

NOTICES

SUNDAY SERVICE –today's service link is <https://bit.ly/StAidanMotheringSunday2024>

LUNCH GROUP – will meet again on Wednesday 3rd April at 12pm at the Rugby Club. Please see Pat or Pauline if you would like to join us.

FILM CLUB – this week is showing 'A man called Ove' - 'An angry older man who had given up on life since his wife's death. However a boisterous young family moves in next door and his life changes for the better.' Trigger Warning: this Certified 15 film has a suicide theme although there is in no actual suicide.

EASTER CARDS – we are hoping to deliver Easter cards to the local area, as we do with Christmas cards, but not in the freezing December temperatures. If you are able to help, please sign up on the sheets at the back of church with the streets you can deliver to, so we can calculate how many cards we need printed.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP - continues to meet on Zoom at 7.30pm on Monday evenings during Lent (last session Mon 18th Mar). All welcome, Zoom link below. Contact Ken Newitt (kmnewitt@outlook.com) for more information.

LENT LUNCHESES – continue on Wednesday's during Lent. Join us for worship and reflection, soup and chat. Venue details are above.

LENT COURSE - **The Prayer Course**: continues on Wednesday's during Lent at St Cuthbert's Church. 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 - St Columba's church and our Bible Study and prayer groups

For the community – St Aidan's Community Centre and Great Park Community Centre, and their Management Committees

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, Maureen Carr and on their anniversaries: Mary Sell, Vera Selby, Margaret Page, Brenda Edwards



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