



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

Sunday 17th March 2024
Passion Sunday

Today, Passion Sunday, we head into the two most solemn, desolate weeks in the Christian year, leading up to our commemoration of the events of that first Good Friday. Jesus' words in our reading from St John's gospel point us forward to his passion and death, to him being lifted up on the cross and drawing all people to himself. But they also hint at what lies beyond that, his glorification, his resurrection and ascension – the word translated 'lifted up' can also mean exalted.

Jesus' words are spoken in the context of some Greeks (outsiders?) coming and saying 'We wish to see Jesus'. It's not clear whether they actually get to see him, but John's gospel makes clear how it is that Jesus is seen – in being 'lifted up' and drawing all people to himself. It raises the question, 'Do those who today are outsiders see in the church, we who together are the body of Christ, the exalted Jesus drawing all people to himself?'

Jeremiah 31.31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

John 12.20-33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

TODAY

9.30am: **Passion Sunday** Rev'd Cannon Jean Skinner presides and Mr Ken Newitt preaches. (Gerard and Hannah are at St Columba's)

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

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

Tues 7.30pm, Church: **DCC Meeting**

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

12.00pm, St Cuthbert's, Brunswick: **Lent Lunch**

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

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

Sun 9.30am: **Palm Sunday** Rev'd Gerard Rundell presides in our service which begins with a palm procession and includes a dramatised reading of the Gospel.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

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

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/StAidanPassionSunday2024>

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.

PALM SUNDAY – as always we'll be beginning our Palm Sunday service with a procession into church. If you're able to join that please gather outside the post-office for 9.30am If you'd rather just come to church, that's also fine, and you'll be invited to join with the hymn as the procession enters church.

EASTER CARDS – are ready to be delivered. If you signed up to help with delivery, please collect the cards from the back of church and sign the sheet to say they have been taken. We have a few extra if you are able to help with delivering a few cards to your friends and neighbours.

ALAN GREGG - Carol and her family would like to thank everyone for their support and love following the death of Alan.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP – tomorrow, Monday 18th March is our last Zoom meeting for Lent. All welcome, Zoom link below.

SNOWDROPS – we are planting snowdrops in the garden and would be grateful for donations if anyone is splitting their own at this point in the season.

LENT LUNCHESES – the final lunch will be held at St Cuthbert's, Brunswick on Wednesday at 12pm.

LENT COURSE – the final session of The Prayer Course will be on Wednesday at St Cuthbert's Church.

WORLDVISION – we are very excited to share the news that thanks to monies raised from the Saturday café we are now able to sponsor Ivonia a 7 year old girl from Mozambique. We are looking forward to our Kids Group being involved and getting to know Ivonia a little better.

SEEDS - we continue to collect seeds for refugee projects for the Lemon Tree Trust. There is a box under the table at the back of church, or you can give them directly to a member of the Troughton family.

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 - Mark Edwards and St Cuthbert's and St Matthew's. Kids and Youth Group, the Family Service and all involved in our work with children and young people

For the community – Kenton Food Bank

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, Bill Yeaman

For those who have died – Maureen Carr and on their anniversaries: Brian Earnshaw, Donald Wright, Bill Richardson, John Malkin, Michael Croft, Derek Chinnery, Arnold Roylance, Joyce Corscadden

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