



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

Sunday 3rd March 2024
Lent 3

This 3rd Sunday of Lent our Gospel reading tells of Jesus in a moment of what can only be described as righteous fury. This is far from “gentle Jesus, meek and mild”. As we read this story of Jesus overturning the tables of the money-changers in the Temple, perhaps we’re asked to realise that a part of the Christian vocation, as well as nurturing love and gentle service, is one of challenge and protest. For Jews the Temple was the meeting place between heaven and earth, but Jesus exposes the market-place at its heart. As Christians, following Jesus will mean a readiness to challenge where the convenience of the world causes us to turn a blind eye to the purposes of God; to be prepared to stand, speak, act, even to turn over a few tables, in service and worship of the God of justice and righteousness.

1 Corinthians 1.18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.’

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

John 2.13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' They then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

TODAY

9.30am: **Lent 3** Rev'd Gerard Rundell presides and preaches

4.00pm: **Team Evensong Farewell to Pauline** at St Columba's

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

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

Tues 1.45pm, Church: **Funeral of Alan Gregg**

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

12.00pm, St Aidan's, Brunton Park: **Lent Lunch**

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

Thurs 2.00pm, Community Room: **Prayer and Praise**

8.00pm, Northern Football Club: **Men's Group**

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

Sun 9.30am: **Mothering Sunday Family Service** Rev'd Gerard Rundell presides and Rev'd Dr Hannah Malcome preaches. Readings TBC

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thurs 14th March 2.00pm: **Film Club 'A man called Ove'**, Comm Room

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

LENT LUNCHESES

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

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/StAidan2024Lent3>

ALAN GREGG – following the sad news of Alan's death, we can confirm that his funeral will take place in church on Tuesday 5th March at 1.45pm. Please continue to hold Carol and the family in your prayers as they mourn his loss.

FILM CLUB – this month is showing 'A man called Ove' on 14th March at 2pm in the community room. '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.

LOUDFENCE - a special service will be held at Newcastle Cathedral as part of a five-day LOUDfence event in support of victims and survivors of church-based abuse. Everyone is invited to attend on Wednesday 6th March at 7pm. There will also be a LOUDfence event outside the Cathedral between 4th and 8th March where temporary fences will be erected for people to tie on brightly coloured ribbons in solidarity with all victims and survivors of abuse.

TEAM FAREWELL SERVICE FOR PAULINE – today, 3rd March at 4pm we join together for Evensong at St Columba's to wish Pauline well and give thanks for her ministry as she retires. This is a lovely opportunity to say goodbye. Refreshments will be served after the service.

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 and St Aidan's will be hosting this week. Join us for worship and reflection, soup and chat. More details of this year's Lent Lunches are above.

LENT COURSE - The Prayer Course: continues on Wednesday at St Cuthbert's Church, looking at how we pray, using a different line of the Lord's prayer each week. 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 - Gerard Rundell, Team Rector.

For the community – Great Park Community Centre and shops, local schools, including Havannah, Brunton and Gosforth Park First Schools

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: Isabella Fairburn, Muriel Gandy, Brian Flanagan, Emily Walker, Muriel Brown, Frances Wright, Sheila Smith, Edna Stansbie, Dick Race, Jane Hatton, Edith Hindmarsh

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