



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

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024**  
**Easter 4**

Many of us are very familiar with the image of Jesus as a good shepherd. But this familiarity can sometimes stop us from thinking about why Jesus picked that particular metaphor. One key reason is that his first listeners would have recognised it from their scriptures; God is described as the shepherd of his people lots of times in the Old Testament. By calling himself the good shepherd, Jesus is making a divine claim over his flock. The sheep belong to him, because he is the God who made them. But this isn't just a claim to ownership. He also tells his listeners how he shepherds. The good shepherd knows each sheep and loves each sheep, to the point of willingly offering his life.

## **Acts 4.5-12**

The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

"the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone."

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

## **John 10.11-18**

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

## **TODAY**

9.30am: **Easter 4** Rev'd Cannon Jean Skinner presides and Rev'd Dr Hannah Malcolm preaches (Gerard is at St Columba's)

## **THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Mon-Fri** 8.50am, Church: **Morning Prayer**  
**Mon** 12.15pm, Church: **Funeral Service of Bruce Smith**  
**Wed** 10.00am, Church: **BCP Midweek Eucharist**  
**Thurs** 2.00pm, Community Room: **Chat and Craft**  
**Sat** 10am, Community Room: **Saturday Café**  
**Sun** 9.30am: **Easter 5** Mr Bernie Troughton leads our service as Rev'd Gerard Rundell preaches with readings from Acts 8.26-40. 1 John 4.7-21 and John 15.1-8

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2.00pm: **Prayer and Praise**, Community Room:  
8.00pm: **Men's Group**, Northern Football Club  
Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm: **Ascension Day Service**, St Columba's  
Sun 12<sup>th</sup> May 11.30am: **AGM**, Church  
Fri 17<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm: **Beetle Drive**, Church  
Sat 18<sup>th</sup> May 10.00am: **Big Brekkie**, Community Room

## **NOTICES**

**SUNDAY SERVICE** – today's service link is <https://bit.ly/StAidan4thEaster2024>

**PRIORITIES AND PLANNING** – we would love to hear feedback, thoughts, prayers and ideas for our future as a church, please take one of the forms from the back of church, and return it to us by Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

**RECYCLING BOXES** - we are now collecting biscuit/cake wrappers and dental products for recycling through Terracycle! You can find the boxes under the book table alongside our stamp recycling and seed collection. The more we collect, the more money gets donated to tree planting and river clean-up charities.

**BLISTER PACKS** – we are aware that many of you are disappointed that we can no longer collect blister packs for recycling. Although this was very successful, it seems for now the only way around this would be if people would be willing to contribute towards paying for us to host a blister pack recycling scheme. If you would like to help please contact Rev'd Hannah.

**SATURDAY BABY & TODDLER ZONE** - We are exploring setting up a baby & toddler zone on three Saturday mornings a month alongside the Saturday cafe. If you would be interested in volunteering, coming along, or donating toys, please talk to Rev'd Hannah.

**BRUCE SMITH** – following the sad news of Bruce's death, we can confirm his funeral will be held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 12:15pm. Please pray for David, Alison and all who mourn his loss.

**EASTER FLOWERS** – thank you to everyone who donated towards flowers for church, we very much appreciate your generosity, and church is looking lovely.

**ELECTORAL ROLL** – in readiness for our AGM we are updating our electoral roll. If you would like to sign up please use the link below, or complete the paperwork at the back of church. [Application for Enrolment on St Aidan's Church Electoral Roll](#).

**ZOOM CODES** – all our Zoom sessions will use only the following details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7573778713?pwd=NGVjcTRLQjBEaStaYjFDsm1KOURtQT09>

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: Fawdon, Kenton and Kingston Park Parishes

**For the community** – Great Park Consortium and ongoing development of the Great Park Town Centre

**For the world** – all countries facing hardship and conflict. For our own national and political life

**For those in need** - Esther Wooler, Martin Seaton, Bill Yeaman, Sue Bates

**For those who have died** – Bruce Smith, and on their anniversaries: Marion Fothergill, Nevison Lorraine, Brian Donkin, Edna Pargeter, Doris Wilson, Andrew Ewing, Joan Kendrick



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