



Team Parish of Christ the King St Aidan's, Brunton Park Sunday 28th April 2024 Easter 5

This week's passages, some of the most wonderful verses in the Bible, give us an invitation to abide. In John's Gospel we hear Jesus, the true vine, say 'Abide in me as I abide in you.' Then in the letter John writes to his church, he says 'God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.' This word 'abide' is an important one. It means to dwell in, to rest in, to live in, to take shelter in. It's clearly what John himself has known of the God he met in Jesus, and who is love. So this morning as we read these beautiful words, perhaps hear for yourself the invitation to abide. To dwell in love. To rest in Christ. To live in the true vine. To take shelter in his perfect love, that casts out fear. May you abide in him, and he in you.

1 John 4.7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God,' and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

John 15.1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'

TODAY

9.30am: **Easter 5** Mr Bernie Troughton leads our service as Rev'd Gerard Rundell preaches

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

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

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: **Easter 6 Rev'd Dr Hannah Malcolm** leads and Rev'd Gerard Rundell preaches with readings from Acts 10.44-48, 1 John 5.1-6 and John 15.9-17

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thurs 9th May 2:00pm: **Film Club- Bridge of Spies**, Community Room

7.30pm: **Ascension Day Service**, St Columba's

Sun 12th May 11.30am: **AGM**, Church

Wed 15th May 7.30pm: **APCM**, St Cuthbert's

Fri 17th May 7.30pm: **Beetle Drive**, Church

Sat 18th May 10.00am: **Big Brekkie**, Community Room

Sat 1st Jun All day: **Parish Away Day**, Alnmouth

Sat 15th Jun TBC: **Summer Fair**, Church

NOTICES

SUNDAY SERVICE – today's service link is <https://bit.ly/StAidan5thEaster2024>

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 12th May. There is a box at the back of church for your completed forms.

VIOLET MEAD – will be celebrating her 100th birthday very soon. We will join in her celebrations by having a small tea party following our service on Sunday 12 May.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK – 12th –18th May will help bring Dignity Equality Justice and Love for those in greatest need. Please make a note of the dates and consider being a collector – it is a very rewarding event in which we can really help those in need. (Last year we raised over £3,000 with our House-to-House collection and Big breakfast.)

BEETLE DRIVE – our first Beetle Drive of the year will be held on Friday 17th May at 6pm to raise funds for Christian Aid. Supper (for those who want it) will be pizza provided by Gosforth's Oli and Joe's. The cost is £5 per person to cover the cost of the evening with an additional donation towards Christian Aid. Please add your name to the list at the back of church if you are able to come.

BIG BREKKIE – is back on Saturday 18th May at 10am. Please come along and support this popular Christian Aid fundraiser while enjoying a bacon roll or veggie burgers with your tea and coffee.

KITCHEN TEA ROTA – are you able to help with tea duties following our 9:30am Sunday services? Please let Catherine know if we can add you to the rota. Training can be given to new volunteers.

ASCENSION DAY SERVICE – will be held as a joint service at St Columba's on Thursday 9th May at 7.30pm

AGM PAPERWORK – there are copies of our AGM paperwork containing reports and financial information, at the back of church for anyone who would like a copy. Everyone is welcome to attend the AGM on 12th May.

PCC AND DCC ELECTIONS – we have 1 vacancy for a PCC member and 3 spaces for new DCC members, so if you would like to be part of shaping the life and work of St Aidan's Church, please let Gerard know that you'd like to stand.

ELECTORAL ROLL – We have updated our electoral roll in preparation for the AGM. The completed roll is now available to view. If you haven't already and would like to sign up though, there's still time! 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=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: Centre of Newcastle Parishes and City Centre Chaplaincy. Sidespeople, our Saturday Café, and all involved in our ministry of welcome

For the community – Uniformed groups

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 – and on their anniversaries: Peggy Harrison, Harry McDonnell, Doris Wilson, Kenneth Gray, Geoffrey Long, Edward Keating, Vivien Almond

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