



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

## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024 Corpus Christi

This Sunday we're marking the feast of Corpus Christi. It's a day that gives thanks for the meal of the church that we share. And as we mark this day, perhaps we're reminded that Holy Communion points us in two directions: to communion with God, and communion with one another.

In John's Gospel, we see the first as Jesus says: 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.' And later: 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.' When we eat this bread and wine, as they become for us Jesus' own flesh and blood, we're eating the very life of heaven, and abiding in Christ. We share in deep and profound communion with God.

Equally in Paul's letter to the Corinthians, we see the other dimension as he says: 'Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.' For all the flaws and fickleness of the church – and Paul certainly knew about those when he was writing to the Corinthians – this meal binds us to one another with an incredible strength. We become one body as we share in one bread. We are part of one another. We share in communion, not only with God but with those around us. Both of these are worth giving thanks for whenever we receive this Holy Communion.

### **1 Corinthians 10.16-17, 11.23-26**

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

## **John 6.51-58**

Jesus said to the Jews: 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

## **TODAY**

9.30am: **Trinity 1 Family Service**, Rev'd Gerard Rundell & Rev'd Dr Hannah Malcolm lead as Rev'd Rundell 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, Rugby Club: **Lunch Group**

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

8.00pm, Community Room: **Men's Group**

**Sat** 10.00am: **Saturday Café**, Community Room

**Sun** 9.30am: **Trinity 2** Rev'd Ben Pullan & Rev'd Dr Hannah Malcolm lead as Rev'd Hannah preaches with readings from 1 Samuel 8.4-11 [12-15] 16-20 [11.14-15], 2 Corinthians 4.13 - 5.1 and Mark 3.20-35 (Rev'd Gerard is at St Matthew's & St Cuthbert's)

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm: **Film Club**, Community Room

Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Jun 2-4pm: **Summer Fair**, Church

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Jun All day: **Parish Away Day**, Alnmouth

## **NOTICES**

**SUNDAY SERVICE** – today's service link is <https://bit.ly/StAidanFamilyServiceTrinity1>

**COMMUNITY CENTRE AGM** – will be held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm. Please come along to support our local centre if you can.

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK** – we raised a fantastic £3572.30 from our Christian Aid week events and donations. Thank you to everyone you supported our fundraising, it is very much appreciated.

**THURSDAY GROUPS** – you may notice in the coming weeks that we are publicising our social groups, please spread the word to anyone you may know who would like to come along. We will also be re-starting our third Thursday of the month group – now called 'Friends Having Fun' where there will be music from the 40' – 70's, games, chat and more.

**MEN'S GROUP** – this week will meet in the Community Room with a talk from David Hastings: 'Wooden Boats and Iron Men – the RNLI'.

**FILM CLUB** – next week will show a certificate 12 film: 'A Street Cat Named Bob' - 'Sometimes it takes nine lives to save one'.

**JOB ALERT** – St Aidan's Church, St Columba's Church and Church in the Park are seeking a Children and Families Worker. If you know anyone who would be interested please ask them to visit [Children & Families Worker \(Christ the King\) - Newcastle Diocese \(anglican.org\)](#)

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP** - will resume tomorrow via Zoom with a study of the Acts of the Apostles.

**ST AIDAN'S SUMMER FAIR** - Saturday 15th June 2pm - 4pm with Refreshments, Cakes, Tombola, Books, Jigsaws, Bric-a-brac, Sweet Shop, Raffle, Games and more. Donations towards the stalls would be appreciated before the day and can be left at the back of church which is open each day. Cakes required on the day of the Fair. We also need volunteers to help set up on the Friday afternoon and man the games. Please add your name to the list at the back of church or speak to Ben or Ruth Pullan or the church wardens.

**PARISH AWAY DAY \* update\*** - there is now a sign up sheet at the back of church for this year's parish away day in Alnmouth on Sat 22nd June, 11am-4pm. We will gather at Alnmouth Friary, where Flo Nilsson will lead reflective sessions on prayer. Revd Gerard will offer games and activities for children on the beach. Refreshments provided, bring your own lunch (or enjoy a lovely lunch out!).

**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. Great Park Community Centre and Shops

**For the community** – 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** - Esther Wooler, Martin Seaton, Bill Yeaman, Sue Bates

**For those who have died** – and on their anniversaries: Gillian Hardie, Clifford Coultas, Alan Davison

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