



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

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024**  
**Trinity 3**

This morning's Gospel reading teaches us about the Kingdom of God: a kingdom that, in these parables, is like a seed. It is a seed that first grows until the harvest, and second, a tiny seed that grows into the largest of shrubs. And perhaps we're reminded above all in these two parables that the Kingdom of God is God's Kingdom. For both of these seeds, the work of growth, from scattering to harvest, from tiny seed to great plant, is God's. We're reminded that the coming of God's Kingdom is not our responsibility. We don't make it grow, we don't build it brick by brick. Nowhere does Jesus teach us to build God's kingdom for him, the Kingdom of God is God's. Instead over and over he teaches us to pray for it's coming, to prepare for it's arrival, and to tell others of it's presence.

The Kingdom of God is a beautiful mystery. From the smallest and humblest of beginnings God's work can grow until it shelters all the birds of the air. From a scattered seed it can become a great harvest. So where have you spotted the Kingdom's presence in your life? How do you pray for it's growth? Who have you told of it's goodness?

## **1 Samuel 15.34 - 16.13**

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The LORD said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the LORD said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the LORD." Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the

sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD.' But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.' Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.' Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The LORD has not chosen any of these.' Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

### **Mark 4.26-34**

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables. Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

Jesus also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.' With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

### **TODAY**

9.30am: **Trinity 3** Rev'd Gerard Rundell presides and preaches as Mr Bernie Troughton leads

## THE WEEK AHEAD

<b>Mon-Fri</b>	8.50am, Church: <b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Mon</b>	7.30pm, via Zoom: <b>Bible Study</b>
<b>Wed</b>	10.00am, Church: <b>BCP Midweek Eucharist</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	2.00pm, Community Room: <b>Friends Having Fun</b>
<b>Sat</b>	10.00am, Community Room: <b>Saturday Café</b> All day: Alnmouth: <b>Parish Away Day</b>
<b>Sun</b>	9.30am: <b>Trinity 4</b> Rev'd Dr Hannah Malcolm leads as Gerard Rundell preaches, with readings from 1 Samuel 17.[1a,4-11, 19-23]32-49, 2 Corinthians 6.1-13 and Mark 4.35-41

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Jun 11.00am: **Hannah's Ordination**, Newcastle Cathedral

## NOTICES

**SUNDAY SERVICE** – today's service link is <https://bit.ly/Trinity3StAidan2024>

**DAILY BIBLE READING NOTES** - there will be a short presentation before the 9.30am service on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June. Free copies from four publishers will be available at the back of church and at coffee afterwards.

**OPEN GARDEN \*today\*** – Pat and Vic Spong are having an open garden event at 16 Milford Gardens between 2.30pm and 4pm, as part of an All Saints Gosforth programme and members of St Aidan's are most welcome to join them.

**HANNAH'S ORDINATION** – will be held in Newcastle Cathedral on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 11am and anyone is welcome to attend. The following day, Hannah will preside over her first communion in our 9.30am service. Please pray for Hannah, Caleb and Evelyn as Hannah prepares for her ordination.

**SIGNS AND WONDERS** – please see the poster on display in the entrance about a workshop at St Andrew's Church, Newgate Street regarding a BSL workshop in a Christian context. No BSL knowledge is needed. This event is between 10am and 4pm on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June.

**FRIENDS HAVING FUN** – is our new group which will run every third Thursday of the month at 2pm in the community room. There'll be music from the 40's – 70's, a chance to chat, play games and join in bingo or a quiz. Refreshments will also be available. Please spread the word and we hope to see you at our first session on 20<sup>th</sup> June.

**PARISH AWAY DAY \* last chance\*** - it's now less than a week until our away day. If you are planning to join us, please use the sheets at the back of church to sign up so that we know we have enough people to make the day viable. There is also an information sheet explaining what to expect during the day. Between Flo's sessions on prayer, there will be the opportunity to enjoy Alnmouth. There will be games and activities for children on the beach. Tea and coffee will be provided, but please bring your own lunch (or enjoy a lovely lunch out!) We will gather at Alnmouth Friary on Sat at 11am.

**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.

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP** – has resumed on Monday's via Zoom with a study of the Acts of the Apostles.

**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** – items placed in the food box 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 and 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 preparing for marriage** – Andrew and Ruth, Jonathan and Valentina, Sophie and Ben

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

**For those who have died** – and on their anniversaries: Violet Clancy, Bob Green, Lillian Irwin, Beatrice Brown, Kenneth Thompson, Miriam Large

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