



# Team Parish of Christ the King St Aidan's Brunton Park Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 St Aidan Patronal Festival

In our scripture readings for St Aidan's day, we get a beautiful picture of Jesus spending time among the people of his region, having compassion for those he met. His ministry flowed from the compassionate attention he offered, and he instructed his disciples to go out in the same spirit. Their feet must have been very dusty from constantly walking around the local communities. But their feet were nevertheless beautiful, as our Isaiah reading puts it, because they came with good news: God's comfort for his people. Several hundred years later, St Aidan was a disciple cut from the same cloth. Aidan followed the pattern that Jesus gave, walking slowly and lovingly amongst his people. This unhurried, compassionate love brought the church to the north-east. We live in a culture which wants to move quickly, unwilling to be distracted by the needs of others. But that's not how Jesus walks with us. Jesus walks slowly alongside us, at the pace we are traveling, looking at us with compassion.

## **Isaiah 52:7-10**

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices; together they shout for joy, for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth; shout together for joy, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

## **Matthew 9:35–38**

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

### **TODAY**

9.30am: **Patronal Festival Family Service** Rev'd Gerard Rundell and the Rev'd Dr Hannah Malcolm lead our family service

### **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

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

**Sun** 9.30am: **Trinity 15** Rev'd Dr Hannah Malcolm presides and Mr Ken Newitt will preach.

### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Sept 2.00pm **Film Club** Community Room

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Sept 10.30am: **St Aidan's Play Zone**, Church

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Sept 2.00pm: **Church Open Day**, Church

Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Oct **Harvest Thanksgiving Family Service**

Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Oct **Alpha**

### **NOTICES**

**SUNDAY SERVICE** – today's service link is <https://bit.ly/StAidan2024PatronalFamilyService>

**DIGGING PARTY !** On the land behind church we are installing a French drain help tackle flooding issues. Immediately after next Sunday's service (8th) we will be finishing digging the trench for the drain. If you could give 5-10 minutes of time to take a turn at digging, please join us then.

**ST AIDAN'S PLAY ZONE!** – we are launching a new baby and toddler play space in church on Saturday mornings (10.30am-12pm), starting 14th September! If you would like to know more, or if you would be available to offer occasional support, please speak to Rev. Hannah.

**CHURCH OPEN DAY-** The church will be having an open day on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2.00pm to coincide with the Community Centre Autumn Fair. Visitors will have the opportunity to look around the building find out about the history of the church building and what we do in the community and the groups we run.

**LUNCH CLUB** – The next Lunch Club will meet at the Northern Rugby Club on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 12.30pm. Please speak to Pat Page or Pauline Watson to book your place.

**ALPHA** – Starting on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October in the community room six evening gatherings to explore faith and enjoy a meal together.

**CHURCH CLEANER** – if you know anyone who might like to take over the church cleaning duties (usually on Friday's) please contact a church warden to discuss further.

**ADMINISTRATOR ANNUAL LEAVE** – our administrator is on annual leave until Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September. Please contact a church warden in her absence if needed.

**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** – Rev'd Gerard Rundell Team Rector and Rev'd Dr Hannah Malcolm our Curate, our youth group and their leaders

**For the community** – , Local schools including Gosforth Park First, Brunton First and Havannah 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, Lindsay Miller, Sheila Lonie, Christine Crompton.

**For those who have died** – Malcolm Watson and on their anniversaries: Isabella Neal, Doreen Hampson, Dennis Holder, Jean Parkin.



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