



**Team Parish of Christ the King
St Aidan's, Brunton Park
Sunday 11th August 2024
Trinity 11**

In the light of the violent disorder encouraged by far-right activists on the streets of our country over the last week or so and of the mass peaceful and courageous counter demonstrations against anti-fascism, we might usefully reflect on how we, the Church, the community of the faithful, should give witness to that harmony and inclusion which reflects the call to love one another as God in Christ loves us (John 13.34), and which expresses Christ's prayer for that same unity together as is between Christ and the Father (John 17. 20-23).

The understanding that God's grace and acceptance was for all people who turn to Christ, irrespective of their background and not just for the Jews, did not come easily to the infant church (e.g. Acts chapter 10 and 11). In the New Testament epistles we find Paul often concerned over discord and disunity in those communities. In various New Testament scriptures the appeal is made to understand our Christian community life as exhibiting that harmony and interdependence which should hallmark the Family of God. In this respect the whole of Ephesians Chapter 4, not just today's section, is worth reading and taking on board.

While there is always more to be done, as God's family at St Aidan's we have enjoyed much harmony in living out our common life. And to support the harmony and integrity so desired in our wider communities, the very least we can do is to continue to work together in modelling that loving open and inclusive Christ-filled life to which we are called.

Ephesians 4.25 - 5.2

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

John 6.35,41-51

Jesus said to the crowd, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.' Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 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.'

TODAY

9.30am: **Trinity 11** Rev'd Dr Hannah Malcolm presides as Rev'd Ben Pullan preaches

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon-Fri	8.50am, Church: Morning Prayer
Wed	10.00am, Church: BCP Midweek Eucharist 12.00pm, Northern Rugby Club: Lunch Group
Thurs	2.00pm, Community Room: Friends Having Fun
Sat	10.00am, Community Room: Saturday Café
Sun	9.30am: Trinity 12 Rev'd Ray Devenney presides as Mr Bernie Troughton leads with reading from 1 Kings 2.10-12; 3.3-14, Ephesians 5.15-20 and John 6.51-58

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sat 14th Sept TBC: **Church Open Day**, Church

NOTICES

SUNDAY SERVICE – today's service link is <https://bit.ly/StAidan2024Trinity11>

BEN AND RUTH LEAVING – today is the final Sunday that Ben and Ruth will be with us, and they will be very much missed. Please join us after the service for light refreshments to say your 'goodbyes'.

CHURCH CLEANER – we are very grateful to our cleaner Lorraine, who has kept our church clean and tidy for many years. However, Lorraine now feels the time is right to leave. If you know anyone who might like to take over the cleaning duties (usually on Friday's) please contact a church warden to discuss further.

ALPHA – we will be running another Alpha group this autumn. We explore faith over a meal and open conversation, and it is ideal for anyone who wants to learn about Christianity or deepen their faith. Please consider if there is anyone you know who might like to come along. Information packs will be available nearer the time

IVONIA – our sponsor girl, Ivonia has turned 8. We sent her a birthday card, and now we'd like to create a photo story for her. If you are able to share a photo around animals, special places or seasons please email them with a short sentence to the administrator (email below). It can be very simple – a view from your window, a day out, a sunset – anything at all – it will all be interesting and exciting to Ivonia.

REV'D GERARD ANNUAL LEAVE – please note that Gerard is on annual leave until Tuesday 27th August. Please contact Rev'd Hannah during this time if needed.

ADMINISTRATOR ANNUAL LEAVE – please note that our administrator will be on annual leave between Saturday 17th August and Wednesday 4th 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 - Diocesan and Deanery Synods. Our Thursday groups and Men's group

For the community – Manor House, Bowmont House and Melton House

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

For those who have died – and on their anniversaries: Kathleen Phillips, Margaret Danskin, Cliff Searl, Dorothy Pyke, Bill Charlton

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