



**Team Parish of Christ the King
St Aidan's, Brunton Park
Sunday 18th August 2024
Trinity 12**

The gospel passage for this Sunday continues St. John's exposition of Jesus as the bread of life. In it Jesus doubles down on his claim that he is indeed the living bread which has come down from heaven, and which alone can offer eternal life. This "bread of life" is in contrast to the bread, or manna, provided in the wilderness which could never do that: "they ate manna, yet they died".

Jesus here uses very vivid language which has given rise to much debate over the centuries, but surely not intended to be taken literally, and speaks of "eating his flesh" and "drinking his blood". All this caused much offence, and it was too much for some listeners. We will learn later that many began to fall away at this point.

In the other readings appointed for today the central theme is "wisdom". Paul tells the Ephesians that they should live not as "unwise but as wise" and seek to understand the will of God. He also encourages them to "sing and make music from their hearts to the Lord."

The Old Testament passage, which we will not hear read today, is the well-known story of King Solomon asking for the gift of wisdom to enable him to rule and judge rightly. That of course directs our thoughts towards God the only source of all true wisdom.

Ephesians 5.15-20

Brothers and sisters, be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 12** Rev'd Ray Devenney presides and preaches

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

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

Thurs 2.00pm, Community Room: **Chat and Craft**

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

Sun 9.30am: **Trinity 13** Rev'd Dr Hannah Malcolm presides and preaches with reading from Ephesians 6.10-20 and John 6.56-69

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

Sat 21st Sept 2.00pm: **Church Open Day**, Church

NOTICES

SUNDAY SERVICE – today's service link is <https://bit.ly/StAidan2024Trinity12>

A MESSAGE FROM BEN AND RUTH – To all our friends at St Aidan's. Thank you so much for your very generous gift and good wishes for our move to Stratford upon Avon. We have been so blessed to have been involved in the fellowship and life of St Aidan's, for the real love, support and encouragement in the faith that we have experienced among you all over the years. Be assured that our time with you will be remembered with great thanksgiving and you will always be in our prayers. Ben and Ruth

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 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.

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 – our administrator is on annual leave until 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 office staff and diocesan advisers. Readers Ken Newitt and Authorised Minister Bernie Troughton

For the community – businesses on the Great Park

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: Dorothy Dunthorne, Margaret Hancock, Frances Walker, Doris Gray, Hal Gibson, Derek Usher



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