



Team Parish of Christ the King St Aidan's Brunton Park Sunday 25th August 2024 Feast of St Bartholomew

'The feast of St Bartholomew is a slightly unusual feast in the Church year. Unlike other significant disciples who have special feast days – Peter, Paul, Mary, John – Bartholomew's life is only known to God. He is listed as one of the twelve disciples, but beyond his name, scripture tells us nothing about who he was or what he did. Even the readings assigned for his feast don't mention him. So what are we celebrating?

Maybe we ought to think of Bartholomew as the patron saint of disciples who never hit the headlines - but still try, as best as they can, to get on with being faithful. Like Bartholomew, most of us are anonymous, ordinary disciples. Our gospel reading calls us to find our greatness in humility: the greatest among us becoming like the youngest, and the leader like the one who serves. Serving without expectation of earthly recognition goes against the grain of the world we live in. And yet this is the story of Bartholomew, and the story of the Church: ordinary people, living out sacrificial, uncelebrated faith. And we do so knowing that the one who calls us to serve has served us first.'

Acts 5.12-16

Now many signs and wonders were done among the people through apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem. Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by. A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

Luke 22.24-30

A dispute also rose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like the one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as the one who serves. 'You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in the kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

TODAY

9.30am: **Trinity 13** Rev'd Dr Hannah Malcolm presides and preaches

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

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

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

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

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/Trinity2024Trinity13>

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.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL – next week we celebrate St Aidan in our Patronal Festival Family Service. We will also be having a blessing of the school bags, as pupils prepare to return to school. Please remind children to bring along their bags or backpacks.

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 - Christ the King Team Parish, PCC members and officers. Moira and Kathryn, and all who enhance our services by their playing or singing.

For the community – West End Refugee Service

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 – and on their anniversaries: Mona Watson, Richard Potts, Dave Robson, James Hepplewhite, Ted Pentland, Ronnie Dixon, Bertha Thresh, Robert Peacock



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