



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

**Sunday 13th April 2025
Palm Sunday**

Each year, our Palm Sunday service disrupts our usual Sunday morning pattern of readings. Rather than focusing on one or two moments in scripture, we are invited to zoom out, taking in the whole passion narrative in one sweep. We begin with the busy joy and excitement of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. But as we listen to Luke's account of holy week unfold, the cheering crowds and supporters quickly fall away, and they betray Jesus instead. In the end, Jesus is almost entirely alone.

As we reflect on the whole sweep of the passion, let's recall just how many different accounts and memories Luke has gathered in order to tell us this story. The male disciples have had to admit their failures. The women who followed Jesus have relived their grief. The words Jesus speaks at his death have been whispered and wondered about and passed on in the early Christian community. And here we are, two millennia later, joining in the story, and finding our own way to witness to the love Jesus offers us.

TODAY 9.30am: **Palm Sunday** Rev'd Dr Hannah Malcolm leads this service which includes a dramatic reading from the Passion of Luke.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon 7.30pm, Church: **Reflective Service** - The Moneychangers in the Temple
Tues-Fri 8.55am, Church: **Morning Prayer**
Tues 7.30pm, Church: **Reflective Service** - The woman who anointed Jesus
Wed 10.00am, Church: **BCP Midweek Eucharist**
7.30pm, Church: **Reflective Service** - The City of Jerusalem
Thurs 2.00pm, Community Room: **Friend Having Fun (with Hot Cross Buns)**
7.30pm: Church: **Maundy Thursday Eucharist**
Fri 10.00am: **Good Friday Family Worship**
2.00pm: **An Hour Before the Cross**
Sat 10.00am, Community Room: **Saturday Cafe**
10.30am, Church: **Kids Zone (not 4th Saturday of the month)**
Sun 5.30am, Church: **Easter Vigil**
9.30am: **Easter Eucharist** Rev'd Dr Hannah Malcolm presides as Rev'd Gerard Rundell preaches

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sat 3rd May 10.00am **Eco Fest**, Church and Garden
Sat 17th May 10.00am **Big Brekkie**, Community Room
Sun 18th May 11.30am **AGM**, Church

NOTICES

SERVICE LINKS

Palm Sunday <https://bit.ly/StAidan2025PalmSunday>

Maundy Thursday <https://bit.ly/StAidan2025MaundyThursday>

Good Friday <https://bit.ly/StAidan2025GoodFriday>

HOLY WEEK REFLECTIVE SERVICES – join us for these three short ‘Encountering Jesus in Holy Week’ services with words and music, exploring some of the events of the week leading up to Maundy Thursday and Good Friday through the eyes of those who encountered Jesus in those days.

PETER KENNY - sadly died peacefully on Wednesday 1st April. Peter was Team Rector here at Christ The King from 1988-1993. His Funeral on Wednesday 23rd April is a requiem at Newcastle Cathedral at 10.00am, followed by cremation at West Road Crematorium.

HELP NEEDED – would anyone be available to help with preparing church for the Eco Fest? We need help on Friday 2nd May with stacking the chairs in church and carrying tables from the community centre. It is likely this will take place in two stages, so if you are available to help in the afternoon or evening (or both) please contact Rev'd Hannah.

ELECTORAL ROLL - Roll up, roll up! St Aidan's new Electoral Roll is being prepared now, so if you would like to have your name entered, please complete the paperwork at the back of church. Please note, as this is a brand new roll, inclusion is not automatic so members on the previous roll must also apply to be included. The deadline for completion is Friday 2nd May.

STUDENT ACCOMMODATION REQUEST - a clergy family in Singapore has asked for help to find accommodation for their daughter who is coming to study law at Northumbria Uni in September for her final year. They would like her to have a spare room with a church family. If you can help please contact andii.bowsher@northumbria.ac.uk

PATERNITY LEAVE – as many of you may already know, Rev'd Gerard's family will welcome their adoptive daughter into their home after Easter. Gerard will therefore be taking paternity leave from 25th April -16th May, and 26th-31st May. Please direct any queries during this time to Rev'd Hannah or the churchwardens. Gerard, Karen, Theo, Phoebe and their new daughter would very much appreciate your prayers and support for them as they adjust to new patterns of family life.

Living on God's Good Earth: April
Generous God

Some of you may know the offertory prayer used in lots of churches: 'all things come from you and of your own do we give you'. As the world springs into life, God's abundant generosity is easy to see. So, this month's challenge is to think about how we can be generous in response. What might we offer to help protect and restore God's many gifts to us? At Saturday Café this year, one of our chosen charities is Northumberland Wildlife Trust. Perhaps there is a similar charity or organisation you could support, as a way of giving thanks for all God's goodness.

For Our Prayers: St Aidan's Cycle of Prayer

For the church – Archdeacon Rachel Wood and Area Dean Paul Baker.
Churchwardens: Catherine, Susan, and Dorothy.

For the community – People's Kitchen foodbank and Children NE charity

For the world – all countries facing hardship and conflict. For our own national and political life

For those in need – Esther Wooler, Martin Seaton, Sue Bates, Sheila Lonie, Christine Crompton, Charlie Bennett, Mavis Bennett, Joan Graham

For those who have died – Peter Kenney, and on their anniversaries: Doris Walton, Reginald Morgan, Arthur Fenning, Morris Robinson, Christine Simpson, Stephen Eden, Benita Brown, Raymond Edwards, David Dawson, Margaret Rennie

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT ST AIDAN'S

13th - 20th April



Palm Sunday: 9.30am
Eucharist with Palm procession



Monday - Wed: 7.30pm
Reflective service



Maundy Thursday: 7.30pm
Eucharist with foot washing



Good Friday:
10.00am Family Worship
2.00pm An hour before the Cross



Easter Sunday:
5.30am Sunrise Easter Vigil
9.30am Easter Family Communion

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