



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

**Sunday 20th April 2025
Easter Day**

Alleluia, Christ is risen. He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Those words begin our Easter service, and ring out their joyful praise across all of history, as we celebrate a moment of astounding discovery. It is a moment that changes everything, as the women arrive to anoint Jesus' dead body and find instead an empty tomb. It is the discovery around which everything changes. Death has been swallowed up in victory, sin is defeated, and life and love have burst from an empty tomb. In this moment we are given a hope that will hold against even the darkest moments in our lives. We are given a life, resurrection life, that is fuller and more joyful than we thought possible.

This discovery changes everything, and thousands of lives ever since have been changed by it. How will you be changed as you hear of this Easter discovery today?

Acts 10.34-43

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Luke 24.1-12

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had accompanied Jesus came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Then they remembered Jesus' words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

TODAY

5.30am, Church: **Easter Vigil**

9.30am: **Easter Eucharist** Rev'd Dr Hannah Malcolm presides as Rev'd Gerard Rundell preaches

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tues-Fri 8.55am, Church: **Morning Prayer**

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

10.00am, Cathedral: **Funeral of Peter Kenny**

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

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

10.30am, Church: **Kids Zone (not 4th Saturday of the month)**

Sun 9.30am: **Easter 2** Rev'd Ray Devenney presides and preaches with readings from Acts 5.27-32, Revelation 1.4-8 and John 20.19-31

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

TODAY'S SERVICE LINK: <https://bit.ly/StAidan2025EasterSunday>

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.

WALKING SHOES AND SMILES – at the ready! Christian Aid week is coming: 11th – 17th May. Can you help please? See Dorothy for more details.

PATERNITY LEAVE – Rev'd Gerard's paternity leave is between 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.

SUNDAY SERMON'S

For anyone who would like one, written copies of the Sunday sermon are available from the preacher on request. Please contact either Gerard, or the preacher of the day, to be sent a copy.

For the church – Mark Edwards and St Cuthbert's and St Matthew's. St Columba's church and their future incumbent. DCC members and officers, Janice our church administrator.

For the community – Snakes & Ladders Playgroup, Brunton Babies and Brunton Toddlers, Uniformed Groups.

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: Arthur Gibson, Marion Fothergill, Nevison Lorraine, Brian Donkin, Edna Pargeter, Doris Wilson, Andrew Ewing, Joan Kendrick



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