



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

Sunday 30th March 2025
Safeguarding & Passion Sunday

This year on Passion Sunday, we'll also be celebrating Safeguarding Sunday. To tie those two themes together we're lucky to have Dr Sarah Troughton offer her creative reflections and artwork following Jesus' journey to the cross. Safeguarding, and the church's failure to protect or deal justly with survivors of abuse, has been much in the news over recent months. It led the Archbishop's resignation, and to continuing debate in General Synod.

This week is a chance to prayerfully reflect on how we might hear the story of Jesus' passion as it speaks to both individuals and the church, reminding us of the Christ who suffers abuse at the hands of others in solidarity with all those who have faced the same in their lives, and even in his Church.

TODAY 9.30am: **Safeguarding and Passion Sunday** Rev'd Gerard Rundell leads with input from Sarah and Bernie Troughton.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon 7.30pm, Zoom: **Lent Bible Study**
Tues-Fri 8.55am, Church: **Morning Prayer**
Wed 10.00am, Church: **BCP Midweek Eucharist**
12.00pm: St Cuthbert's, Brunswick: **Lent Lunch**
Thurs 2.00pm, Community Room: **Film Club – Murder on the Orient Express**
Sat 10.00am, Community Room: **Saturday Cafe**
10.30am, Church: **Kids Zone (not 4th Saturday of the month)**
Sun 9.30am: **Palm Sunday** Rev'd Dr Hannah Malcolm leads this service which includes a dramatic reading from the Passion of Luke.

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

HOLY WEEK

Mon 14th April 7:30pm: **Reflective Service** - The Moneychangers in the Temple
Tues 15th April 7:30pm: **Reflective Service** - The woman who anointed Jesus
Wed 16th April 7:30pm: **Reflective Service** - The City of Jerusalem
Thurs 17th April 7.30pm: **Maundy Thursday Eucharist**
Fri 18th April 10.00am: **Good Friday Family Worship**
2.00pm: **An Hour Before the Cross**
Sun 30th 5.30am: **Easter Vigil**
9.30am: **Easter Eucharist**

NOTICES - today's service link is <https://bit.ly/StAidan2025Lent5>

LENT LUNCHESES – continue on Wednesday at St Cuthbert's, Brunswick.

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.

GOODBYE AND GOODLUCK LENA – we are very sad to announce that our Children and Families Worker, Lena, will be moving on to pastures new after Easter. We wish her all the very best in her new venture and thank her for all the hard work she has done in our parish.

HELP NEEDED FOR PLAYZONE - Could you give a couple of hours a month to support our baby and toddler group? We urgently need to recruit 2 or 3 volunteers who can offer one Saturday morning a month to put out toys and chat to parents. If you could lend some support please chat to Rev 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.

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR – after Easter our church administrator, Janice, will increase her hours as Children and Families Worker. We are therefore advertising the vacancy of Church Administrator on a temporary contract of two years. If you know anyone who is experienced in office work and would be interested in the role, please ask them to contact Rev'd Gerard via email to request a job description and application form.

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.

LENT COURSE – this week is the final in our Lent Series 'What's this doing in the Bible?', where we will be joined by the Rev Simon Woodman, Minister of Bloomsbury Baptist Church, who will lead us on looking at passages from The Book of Revelation. Everyone is welcome. The Zoom Meeting ID is: 757 377 8713 Passcode: StAidan or contact Ken via email: (kmnewitt@outlook.com)

EASTER CARDS – we have some printed cards with details of our Easter services. If you are able to deliver them around Brunton Park, please put your details on the list at the back of church and take a bundle of cards. Thank you for your help.

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

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 – Bishops Helen-Ann and Mark. Those assisting our worship: sacristans, musicians, readers, intercessors, servers, tech team.

For the community – Catherine McKinnell, our MP, and North Gosforth Parish Council. For those leading Net Zero Newcastle, creating a sustainable future for our city

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, Peter Kenney

For those who have died – Katherine Brown, and on their anniversaries: Christopher Griffith, John Noble, David Johnson, Norman Barritt, Jean Brindley, Kenneth Johnson



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