



Team Parish of Christ the King

St Aidan's Brunton Park

Sunday 11th May 2025

4th Sunday of Easter

This Sunday is the start of Christian Aid week. It's a time dedicated to highlighting the work of Christian Aid all over the world and encouraging each of us to think about how we can generously join in, whether through acting, praying, or giving. Our gospel reading for this service reminds why we are called to live generously: we have first received the generous love of Jesus, who has compassion on us when we feel helpless, and provides us with more than enough to share. In the generous love of Jesus, we have everything we need to help us show generosity to others, trusting in his abundant provision.

Joel 1 10-20

The fields are devastated, the ground mourns; for the grain is destroyed, the wine dries up, the oil fails. Be dismayed, you farmers, wail, you vine-dressers, over the wheat and the barley; for the crops of the field are ruined. The vine withers, the fig tree droops. Pomegranate, palm, and apple— all the trees of the field are dried up; surely, joy withers away among the people. Put on sackcloth and lament, you priests; wail, you ministers of the altar. Come, pass the night in sackcloth, you ministers of my God! Grain-offering and drink-offering are withheld from the house of your God. Sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly. Gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land to the house of the LORD your God, and cry out to the LORD. Alas for the day! For the day of the LORD is near, and as destruction from the Almighty ^{lit} comes. Is not the food cut off before our eyes, joy and gladness from the house of our God?¹⁷ The seed shrivels under the clods, the storehouses are desolate; the granaries are ruined because the grain has failed. How the animal's groan! The herds of cattle wander about because there is no pasture for them; even the flocks of sheep are dazed to you, O LORD, I cry. For fire has devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and flames have burned all the trees of the field. Even the wild animals cry to you because the watercourses are dried up, and fire has devoured the pastures of the wilderness.

Mark 6 34-44

As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. ³⁵ When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; ³⁶ send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to

eat.' ³⁷ But he answered them, 'You give them something to eat.' They said to him, 'Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?' ³⁸ And he said to them, 'How many loaves have you? Go and see.' When they had found out, they said, 'Five, and two fish.' ³⁹ Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. ⁴¹ Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² And all ate and were filled; ⁴³ and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴ Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

TODAY 9.30am: **Easter 4 Eucharist** Rev'd Dr Hannah Malcolm presides with guest speaker from Christian Aid

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

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

Thurs 2.00pm, Community Room: **Friends having Fun**

Sat 10.00am, Community Room: **Christian Aid Big Brekkie**
10.30 am Church: **Kids Zone**

Sun 9.30am: **Easter 5 Eucharist** Rev'd Dr Hannah Malcolm presides
Rev'd Gerard Rundell preaches

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sun 18th May 11.30am **AGM, Church**

Tues 20th May 7.00pm **Silverline Dementia Choir Performance. Church**

Wed 21st May 7.30pm **APCC St Cuthberts**

Sat 21st June 2.00- 4pm **St Aidan's Summer Fun Day**

NOTICES

TODAY'S SERVICE LINK: <https://bit.ly/StAidan2025Easter4>

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK – May 11th to 17th. Envelopes are available to collect at the back of church. Please speak to Dorothy if you are able to assist.

AGM – All AGM paperwork can be found at the back of church.

DCC – There are vacancies for new members to join the DCC. If anyone is interested in joining, please speak to Revd. Hannah or a church warden.

CHRISTIAN AID BIG BREKKIE –including cake stall. Donations for the cake stall would be very much appreciated.

ECO FEST – Thank you to all who supported the event which also raised £400 towards church funds.

REFRESHMENTS ROTA – there is a new rota for Sunday morning refreshments. There are a number of vacant spaces so if you feel you are able it would be appreciated if volunteers could add their name to the rota. Thank you,

LUNCH GROUP – will meet on Wednesday 4th June at the Northern Rugby Club for a 12.30pm start. Please see Pat or Pauline if you would like to join us.

BOOKS WANTING A NEW HOME -A selection of Christian books will be on display throughout this week at the back of the church. These have come from Mike Ward's mum, who was a Methodist local preacher. Please take any you may find useful, with donations welcome for Christian Aid/church funds. Thanks Mike

PATERNITY LEAVE – Revd. Gerard is on paternity leave until the 16th May and 26th – 31st May. Please direct any queries during this time to Rev'd Hannah or the church wardens. 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.

JOAN GRAHAM – sadly died peacefully on Tuesday 6th May. Details of her funeral will be announced later.

NEWSLETTER – Please forward any items for the newsletter to Catherine Stewart.
catherinedstewart@btinternet.com

Living on God's Good Earth: May
No Mow May

April showers bring May flowers – that is, if we don't mow them all down... Did you know that 97% of Britain's meadows have been lost since the 1930s? May is a crucial month for pollinators like bees and butterflies. Leaving some parts of your garden un-mown over the month of May (and longer) can give wild flowers and insects a chance. Even the smallest patch can make a difference! Check out <https://www.plantlife.org.uk/campaigns/nomowmay/> for more details.

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. Saturday café, Men's group, Thursday groups

For the community – Brunton Park Medical Centre and local businesses. St Aidan's Community Centre and Great Park Community Centre, groups meeting in our church and community room.

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, Pat Lawson

For those who have died – Joan Graham and her family on their anniversaries Kathryn Yeaman, Joan Sargent



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