



Team Parish of Christ the King

St Aidan's Brunton Park

Sunday 18th May 2025

5th Sunday of Easter

In our Gospel reading this week, Jesus gives his new commandment, the commandment of love. On this Sunday when we hold our AGM and have an opportunity to reflect on the life of St Aidan's, it's worth asking how our loves reveals us as Jesus's disciples here and now, in Brunton Park. Our 3 priorities that we set together as a church in 2023 are: Children and Families; Evangelism; Prayer and Discipleship. So how do we show love in each of these areas? Love for one another as part of a church family of all ages and stages of life; Love for one another as we seek to love the community that we're a part of, reaching out to it in love; Love for one another that is rooted in the love that we know more and more deeply as Christ's love for us?

I want to take this AGM Sunday as a chance to celebrate the love that every member of St Aidan's Church, however we're a part of it, has given and received over this last year. It is by our love that the world will know that we are disciples of Christ, so may that love ever grow in our hearts!

Acts 1. 11 – 18

Now the apostles and the believers [who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So, when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance, I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely, I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message

by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life

John 13. 31 -35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, ¹ God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now, I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

TODAY 9.30am: **Easter 5 Eucharist** Rev'd Dr Hannah Malcolm presides,
Rev'd Gerard Rundell preaches
11.30am AGM in church

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tues-Fri 8.55am, Church: **Morning Prayer**
Wed 10.00am, Church: **BCP Midweek Eucharist**
Thurs 2.00pm, Community Room: **Chat and Craft**
Sat 10.00am, Community Room: **Saturday Cafe**
Sun 9.30am: **Easter 6 Eucharist** Rev'd Gerard Rundell presides
Ken Newitt preaches

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tues 20th May 7.00pm **Silverline Dementia Choir Performance. Church**
Wed 21st May 7.30pm **APCC St Cuthberts**
Thurs 29th May 7.30pm **Ascension Day service**
Sat 21st June 2.00- 4pm **St Aidan's Summer Fun Day**

NOTICES

TODAY'S SERVICE LINK: <https://bit.ly/StAidan2025Easter6>

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

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 25th May, 29th June ,6th July, 27th July. 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.

PATERNITY LEAVE – Revd. Gerard will be on paternity leave 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. Her funeral will take place on Thursday 22nd May 12.30 at the Newcastle Crematorium West Road. Afterwards at Northern Rugby Club.

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 All ministers serving across our deanery, those on deanery synod. ST Aidan's Kids Group, baby and toddler group and youth group.

For the community – The Manor House, Bowmont House and Melton House.

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, Pat Lawson

For those who have died – Joan Graham and Joyce Gay and their families.

On their anniversaries- Margaret Turnbull, Mary Irving, Frank Docker, Lindon Churnside, Edith Watson, Derrick Phillipson, Freda Sharp, Helen Newton, John Clasper, Norman Taylor.



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