



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

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025  
3rd Sunday of Easter**

Over the Church's Easter season, we hear different stories of what happened after Jesus rose from the dead – where he went, who he met, and what he did. After all the drama of Jesus' death on the cross and miraculous resurrection, it's the ordinariness of these stories which I especially love. In this week's gospel reading, Jesus' friends have gone back to fishing. Maybe they don't know what else to do, or maybe they need a bit of money. Jesus watches from the shore as his friends try – and fail – to catch any fish. He gives them some unsolicited fishing advice. They pull in a miraculously big haul. And he invites them to come and have a fish breakfast, which he has already begun cooking over a fire. After Jesus rises from the dead, he spends most of his time sitting down with his disciples where they are, talking to them and eating with them. He does this because he wants to offer them generous friendship, and because he wants to offer them a new start. The risen Jesus does the same thing for each of us today, when we come and sit with him.

**Acts 9. 1-6**

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

**John 21. 1 - 19**

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin,<sup>[a]</sup> Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the

right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught. So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' <sup>16</sup> A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

**TODAY** 9.30am: **Easter 3 Family Service** Rev'd Dr Hannah Malcolm presides and preaches.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

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

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

**Thurs** 2.00pm, Community Room: **VE Day Film Club- A Royal Night**  
**Followed by Cream Tea all welcome**

**Sat** 10.00am, Community Room: **Saturday Café**  
 10.30 am Church: **Kids Zone**

**Sun** 9.30am: **Easter 4 Eucharist** Rav'd Dr Hannah Malcolm presides with guest speaker from Christian Aid.

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Sat 17<sup>th</sup> May 10.00am **Christian Aid Big Brekkie**, Community Room

Sun 18<sup>th</sup> May 11.30am **AGM**, Church

Tues 20<sup>th</sup> May 7.00pm Silverline Dementia Choir Performance. Church  
Sat 21<sup>st</sup> June 2.00- 4pm St Aidan's Summer Fair.

## **NOTICES**

**TODAY'S SERVICE LINK:** <https://bit.ly/StAidan2025Easter3>

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK** – May 11<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 Rev'd Hannah or a church warden.

**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, the Church Wardens.

**PATERNITY LEAVE** – Rev'd. Gerard is on paternity leave until the 16<sup>th</sup> May and 26<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** – We send special birthday wishes to Violet Mead who will celebrate her 101<sup>st</sup> birthday on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

**NEWSLETTER** – Please forward any items for the newsletter to Catherine Stewart.  
[catherinedstewart@btinternet.com](mailto: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** – Sacred Heart RC and St John's URC. The social committee, welcome team, tea and coffee, flower arrangers – all who make church an inviting place.

**For the community** – Christian Aid, especially their Middle East appeal and the Children's Society. Assemblies and presence in local schools, Brunton First, Havannah.

**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. Pat Lawson

**For those who have died** – Peter Kenney, and on their anniversaries Vivien Almond, Vigny Kain, John Thompson, John Dawson.



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