



**Team Parish of Christ the King**

**St Aidan's Brunton Park**

**Sunday 8th June 2025**

**Pentecost**

The feast of Pentecost is often described as a celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit, and a celebration of Church's birthday - two ways of describing the same history-making event. It's a day when we look at who the Holy Spirit is, and ask ourselves what the Church is meant to be. Our reading in Acts offers insight into both these questions. We get a front row seat to the first coming of the Holy Spirit, and the transformation which then takes place in the first followers of Jesus. There are two things about the Spirit which immediately jump out: firstly, the Holy Spirit is fundamentally a gift given to benefit those *outside* the Church, not those inside. Secondly, the Holy Spirit ignores human divisions, revealing the truth of God to everyone who will hear.

## **Acts 2. 1 – 21**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place and suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

## John 14. 8-17, 25-27

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

**TODAY** 9.30am: **Pentecost** Mr Bernie Troughton will lead  
and Rev'd Dr Hannah Malcolm will preside and preach

### **THE WEEK AHEAD**

<b>Wed</b>	10.00am, Church: <b>BCP Midweek Eucharist</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	2.00 pm Community Room: <b>Film Club 'Twister'</b>
<b>Fri</b>	3.00pm <b>Count on Nature, outside church</b>
<b>Sat</b>	10.00am, Community Room: <b>Saturday Café</b> 10.30am Church : <b>Kids Zone (not 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month)</b> 7.30pm Church: <b>Conversations at St Aidan's: Mim Skinner</b>
<b>Sun</b>	9.30am: <b>Trinity</b> Rev'd Dr Hannah Malcolm will preside Revd Gerard Rundell preaches.

### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

<b>Thurs</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> June	2.00pm	<b>Friends having fun community room</b>
<b>Sat</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> June	2.00- 4pm	<b>St Aidan's Summer Fair (no Sat morning café)</b>
<b>Wed</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> June	7.00pm	<b>St Aidan's Community Centre AGM</b>

### **NOTICES**

**TODAY'S SERVICE LINK:** <https://bit.ly/StAidan2025Pentecost>

**PRAYER GROUP** – As from today there will be space available in church for those who would like to gather for prayer before the 9.30am Sunday service.

**FILM CLUB -Twisters** to be shown on Thursday 12th June at 2pm in St Aidan's Community Room. It's a Disaster epic with heart stopping action. A former storm chaser and a Tornado tracker cross path. Starring Daisy Edgar Jones, Glen Powell and Anthony Ramos.

**COUNT ON NATURE-** Please join us outside church on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 3.00pm to explore and count wildlife living in our gardens.

**CONVERSATION AT St AIDAN'S : Mim Skinner.** What do naturists, tech bros, rehab centres, and the Amish have in common? At a time when many of us feel increasingly disconnected from each other, come and hear social enterprise founder and writer Mim Skinner share stories about community life, and what we can learn from the range of people trying out communal living. Saturday 14th June, 7.30pm.

**SUMMER FAIR** - We plan to hold the Summer Fair on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2pm to 4pm with refreshments, cakes, raffle, tombola and bottle stalls, books, jigsaws, toys, Bric- a Brac. Eco stall and outdoor games. However, for this to happen we require volunteers to assist on the day and to set up on the Friday afternoon. Donations towards the stalls would also be very much appreciated. Please speak to Susan Armstrong.

**COMMUNITY CENTRE AGM** – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm All Welcome. St Aidan's church can have 6 trustees on the committee. At present there are only 3, namely Julie Seaton, Barrie Todd and Chris Watson. We would very much welcome nominations for 3 more.

**SAFEGUARDING** – Details of the new Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be found in the entrance into church and the community room.

### **Living on God's Good Earth: June** *Flight Free?*

It's the time of year when lots of us make summer holiday plans. But our love of cheap flights abroad comes with a big carbon footprint - just one return flight to the U.S. totals the *annual* emissions of a Bolivian citizen. This year, could you swap one flight for travel by rail or sail instead? Or, as a bigger challenge, could you take the 'flight free' pledge, and go without plane travel for one whole year?

Check out <https://flightfree.co.uk/> for grounded travel ideas and inspiration!

## 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** 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, Pat Lawson

**For those who have died** – and on their anniversaries- Betty Knox, Margaret Stevenson, Alan Brown, Stanley Craig



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