



**The Team Parish of Christ the King  
St Aidan's Brunton Park  
Sunday 13th July 2025  
Trinity 4**

The parable of the Good Samaritan is among Jesus' most famous parables. In response to a question: 'who is my neighbour', Jesus tells a story that doesn't exactly answer the question but that has inspired Christian action ever since. It's a story that paints a picture of the love Christ asks us to share that is boundary-crossing, and radically generous. First of all, the one who gives aid is a Samaritan, among the most hated of peoples to the Jewish audience Jesus spoke to. Our love for neighbour should expect to cross the boundaries and distinctions of nation, race, class, sexuality, gender, or politics. But perhaps even more importantly, we're given a picture of the character of 'love of neighbour', and it is overwhelmingly compassionate. The Samaritan goes far beyond the call of duty. He goes out of his way, disrupts his journey, gives his time, his money and his resources, in abundance. This is not a picture of careful charity, it's a radically generous gift of compassion. And Jesus says: 'Go and do likewise'. What might that look like for you?

### **Colossians 1. 1-14**

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

### **Luke 10.25-37**

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read

there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

**TODAY**    9.30am:    Rev'd Gerard Rundell will preside, and preach

### **THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Tues**        3.30pm    Church: **After School Drop Off Club**

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

**Thurs**       2.00 pm    Community Room: **Friends having fun**

              7.30pm    Community Room: **DCC meeting**

**Sat**        10.00am   Community Room: **Saturday Café**

**Sun**        9.30am:    **Trinity5 Mr Bernie Troughton will lead and**  
                                 **Rev'd Rundell will preside and preach**

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**Thurs** 24<sup>th</sup> July 2.00pm **Chat and Craft Community Room**

**Sat** 26<sup>th</sup> July 10.00am **Saturday Cafe Community Room**

**Sat** 30<sup>th</sup> August **Summer trip to Newbiggin by the Sea**

## **NOTICES**

**TODAY'S SERVICE LINK:** <https://bit.ly/StAidan2025Trinity4>

**HOLIDAY** – Rev'd Hannah will be on holiday from 9<sup>th</sup> July to 16<sup>th</sup> July and her last Sunday service before maternity leave is 27<sup>th</sup> July.

**PRAYER GROUP** – There is space available in church near the High Altar for those who would like to gather for prayer before the 9.30am Sunday service.

**AFTER SCHOOL DROP-OFF CLUB** – Taster session Tuesday 3.30pm - 5.00pm. 15<sup>th</sup> July. 90 minutes of fun straight from school free.

**SUMMER TRIP** – Due to unforeseen circumstances we now plan to have our summer trip on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August. A sheet will be available at the back of church for those to register their interest in travelling by coach or by other means of transport.

**REFRESHMENTS ROTAS** – There are new rotas at the back of church for Saturday Cafe and Sunday morning refreshments. It would be appreciated if volunteers could add their names to the lists.

**RECYCLING** – We now have a blue recycling bin which can be found next to the entrance to the community room.

### **Living on God's Good Earth: July**

#### *Meat Free Mondays*

In this country, we eat far more meat than we did a generation or two ago, and it isn't doing our health or the planet's health any favours. One of the simplest and most effective ways to protect the diversity of God's world is to reduce the amount of meat we eat. If you're currently a full-time carnivore, you could try 'Meat Free Mondays' and see where it takes you! For info, recipes, and inspiration, visit <https://meatfreemondays.com>.

## 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

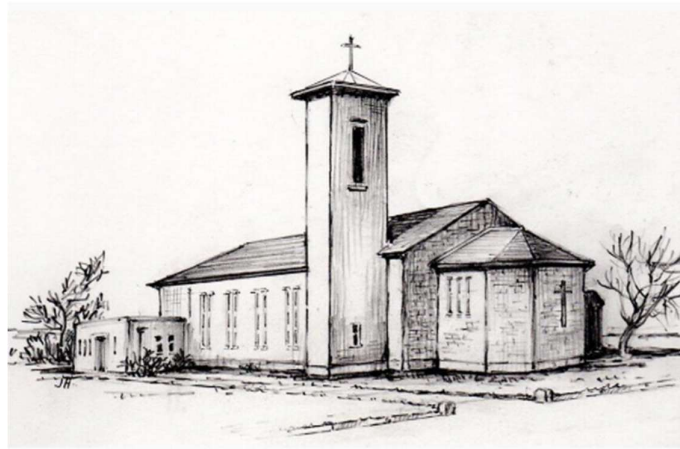
**For the church** Mark Edwards and St Cuthbert's and St Matthew's. St Columba's church and their future incumbent.

**For the community** Saturday Cafe, Men's Group, Thursday Groups. 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, Pat Lawson

**For those who have died** – Alex Mabbs, Esther Hall, Susan Pennington **and on their anniversaries-** Freda Dunn, George Carson, Herbert Robson, John Williams, Alan Davenport, Marianne Cullen, Howard Cleeve



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