



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

**Sunday 27th July 2025  
St James Apostle**

In our gospel reading James and John ask Jesus to give them the number 2 and 3 spots in the kingdom. It's a foolhardy and transparently self-seeking request, and it's easy to roll our eyes at them. Wasn't being one of the 12 disciples enough? But is church of today all that different to James and John? In the face of struggle and change and fear for the future, we *still* spend a lot of time worrying about what we can get for ourselves. And yet the promise that Jesus offers his followers is that those among us who seem least significant, least acknowledged, least worthy, are bringing God great joy. And he promises that God himself comes to serve *us*, teaching us how to live a servant-hearted life of faith.

**Acts 11.27–12.2**

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword.

**Matthew 20.20-28**

Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. And he said to her, 'What do you want?' She said to him, 'Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.' But Jesus answered, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?' They said to him, 'We are able.' He said to them, 'You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.'

When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.

**TODAY** 9.30am: St James the Apostle Rev'd Hannah Malcolm will preside and preach

### **THE WEEK AHEAD**

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

**Sat** 10.00am **Saturday Cafe Community Room**

**Sun** 9.30am: **Family Service** Rev'd Gerard Rundell will preside and preach

### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**Thurs** 7<sup>th</sup> August 10.30am **St Aidan's Men's Group Outing to Trinity House**  
2.00pm **No Prayer and Praise**

**Wed** 13<sup>th</sup> August 12.pm for 12.30pm start **Lunch Group Northern Rugby Club**

**Thurs** 14<sup>th</sup> August **Film Club 'The Lake House'**

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

### **NOTICES**

**TODAY'S SERVICE LINK:** <https://bit.ly/StAidan2025Trinity6>

**MATERNITY LEAVE**– Today is Rev'd Hannah's last service before starting maternity leave.

**LUNCH GROUP** - will meet on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August at the Rugby Club. 12 o'clock for a 12.30 meal. Names to Pat or Pauline if you wish to join us.

**SUMMER TRIP** – Our summer trip will be on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August. A sheet will be available at the back of church for those to register their interest including travel arrangements.

**GERARD'S LEAVE** – Gerard will be on leave from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Aug – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Aug. Any enquiries during that time can be made to the Churchwardens, or if you need clergy support to Jean Skinner.

**RECYCLING** – We now have a blue recycling bin which can be found next to the entrance to the community room. No need to take recycling home.

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

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*Put your money where your mouth is!*

Sometimes it feels like the changes we make don't amount to much when we can't make big businesses or industries change as well. But there is one area where we can really effectively push the levers of power: in our banking and investments. Do you know what your bank is up to, and are you happy with it? You can vote with your wallet and decide to move your money away from those who invest in destructive industries like coal, oil, or the arms trade. Find out more by checking out the *Just Money Movement*, and consider joining their Big Bank Switch: <https://justmoney.org.uk/the-big-bank-switch/>

### **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** Janice, all involved in family outreach events and work with children and young people.

**For the community** Bible Study, prayer groups, Eco church group. Our sponsored child Ivonia. For her and her country Mozambique, facing serious threat from climate change. For the work of World Vision and the conservation and education work of Wild Impact in Mozambique

**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** Kit Hewitt, Rob Brydon, Maureen Strike, Kate Clarke,



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