



**The Team Parish of Christ the King
St Aidan's Brunton Park
Sunday 6th July 2025
Thomas the Apostle**

Lots of us imagine that faith and doubt are opposing states of being. If we are experiencing doubt, that means we're excluded from the community of faith. We're on the edge of things. We stick out awkwardly. We feel scared we'll be judged, and we lose our sense of belonging. But our gospel reading about Thomas's experience gives us a very different picture of doubt and faith. Thomas's doubt does not exclude him or eject him, and he is not left hanging awkwardly, struggling to look for answers on his own. Thomas's doubt is expressed in the heart of the community of faith, and it is met with an invitation to come and experience faith for himself, just as he is, no personality facelift required. And in the end, the faith he declares is not the answer to some kind of logic puzzle or carefully considered proof, but because of a living relationship with Jesus.

Ephesians 2. 19 - end

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

John 20. 24-29

But Thomas (who was called the Twin one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe. A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you. Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

TODAY 9.30am: **Thomas the Apostle.** Rev'd Gerard Rundell will preside, and Rev'd Dr Hannah Malcolm will preach

11.30am Church: Baptism of Ellis

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: **Film Club 'Bucket List**
Sat 10.00am Community Room: **Saturday Café**
Sun 9.30am: **Trinity 4** Rev'd Gerard Rundell will preside, and preach

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tues 15th July 3.30pm **After School Drop Off Club**
Thurs 7th July 2.00pm **Friends having fun Community Room.**
Sat 20th July 10.00am **Saturday Cafe Community Room**
(No Kid's Zone)

NOTICES

TODAY'S SERVICE LINK: <https://bit.ly/StAidan2025Trinity3>

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

BIBLE STUDY – The Bible Study Group is now taking a break until September.

FILM CLUB - The Bucket List Thursday 10th July 2pm starring Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman. Corporate billionaire Edward Cole and working-class mechanic Carter Chambers have little in common, or so it seems. At a crossroads in their lives, they share a hospital room and discover that surface differences aside, they have a deep desire to experience what life has to offer before they 'kick the bucket'.

AFTER SCHOOL DROP-OFF CLUB – Taster sessions Tuesdays 3.30pm - 5.00pm.
8th and 15th July. 90minutes of fun straight from school free.

SUMMER FAIR - Thank you to everyone who helped make it such a lovely afternoon, whether by donations, time or attending. The amount raised is £1064.

SUMMER TRIP – Due to unforeseen circumstances we now plan to have our summer trip on Saturday 30th 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.

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 Sacred Heart RC Church and St John's URC

For the community Social Committee, welcome team, flower arrangers- all who make church an inviting place. Christian Aid working in the Middle East and the Children's Society.

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**- Don Croft, Kenneth Page, Maisie Smith, Alison Bishop, Jackie Morley



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