



## The Team Parish of Christ the King St Aidan's Church

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2025**  
**Trinity 8**

Jesus' parable in this morning's Gospel is one that reminds us to stay awake and alert, ready for his coming. The classic slogan on coffee mugs and office posters jokes: 'Jesus is coming, look busy'. But Jesus is not saying here that we need to live in perpetual fear of his arrival, and of being caught slacking at just the wrong moment. Instead this is something quite different. It is Jesus encouraging a way of life that is always in line with his Kingdom. We are asked to shape our whole lives as if we already serve the Kingdom of heaven. Not just the outward bits, not just looking busy in case Jesus comes back, but always living as if he were already here. So what would it look like to you to store all your treasure in heaven, instead of on earth, and to live every day as if Jesus and his Kingdom were already among us?

### **Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

## Luke 12.32-40

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

**TODAY** 9.30am: Trinity 8. Rev'd Claire Lewis presides and preaches

### **THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Wed** 10.00am Church: **BCP Midweek Eucharist ( Rev'd Lee Kirkby)**

**Thurs** 2.00pm Community room: **Film Club 'The Lake House'**

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

**Sun** 9.30am: **Trinity 9** Rev'd Mairi Howell presides and preaches

### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**Sat** 30<sup>th</sup> Aug Time TBC **Summer trip to Newbiggin by the Sea**

**Wed** 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 7.30pm **Rev'd Emma Duff (LGBT+ Chaplain) discussion**

**Thurs** 25<sup>th</sup> Sept 7.30pm **Open DCC meeting**

### **NOTICES**

**TODAY'S SERVICE LINK:** <https://bit.ly/StAidan2025Trinity8>

**LUNCH GROUP** - will meet on Wednesday 13th 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.

**FILM CLUB** – 'The Lake House' starring Keanu Reeves, Sandra Bullock and Christopher Plummer, a lonely doctor who once occupied an unusual lakeside house begins to exchange love letters with its former resident, a frustrated architect. They must try to unravel the mystery behind their extraordinary romance before it's too late.

**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.

**OPEN DCC MEETING AND DISCUSSION** – Following a request from the congregation to display some visible support for Pride next year (a poster, banner, or similar) the DCC has decided to host an open meeting. This isn't a decision St Aidan's has taken so far, and we want a good process to reach a consensus. A couple of dates for your diary are: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm, Rev'd Emma Duff, Newcastle Dioceses' LGBT+ Chaplin, will host an evening at St Aidan's with input and discussion on the wider questions the church faces, and the experience of LGBT+ people in the church. Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept, the DCC will hold an open discussion which all are welcome to attend, on how we want to respond.

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

*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** For Bishops Helen-Ann and Mark.

**For the community** Those assisting our worship, sacristans, musicians, readers, intercessors, servers, tech team. Catherine McKinnell our MP, North Gosforth Parish Council. For those leading Net Zero Newcastle creating a sustainable future for our city.

**For the world** – For refugees and recent arrivals in our community who are looking for safety and peace.

**For those in need** – Esther Wooler, Martin Seaton, Sue Bates, Sheila Lonie, Christine Crompton, Charlie Bennett, Pat Lawson, Lindsay Miller

**For those who have died – and on their anniversaries** Belle Allen, Penny Graham, Rebecca Cleugh, John Blackman, Henry McGray, Kathleen Phillips, Margaret Danskin, Cliff Searl, Dorothy Pyke, Bill Charlton.



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