



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

**Sunday 24th August 2025
St Bartholomew's Day**

What does *human life in the world* look like when lived by a Christian? What does it look like when lived by the collection of Christians called 'Church'? And what does *leadership* look like in that body?

These are all questions raised on this feast of St Bartholomew the Apostle, and we can begin to find answers in today's readings that describe greatness through service, growth through faithfulness and graciousness in our dealings with others.

Today's feast helps us to draw from the roots of the Church that is preached by Jesus Christ as the way to life in the Father's presence and that is anointed by the life-giving Spirit of God at Pentecost, at which Bartholomew was present.

1 Corinthians 4 :9-15

For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, as though sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to mortals. We are fools for the sake of Christ, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honour, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed and beaten and homeless, and we grow weary from the work of our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we speak kindly. We have become like the rubbish of the world, the dregs of all things, to this very day.

I am not writing this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you might have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers. Indeed, in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel

Luke 22: 24-30

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. 'You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

TODAY 9.30am: St Bartholomew Rev'd Canon Jean Skinner presides and preaches

THE WEEK AHEAD

Wed 10.00am Church: **BCP Midweek Eucharist**
Thurs 2.00pm Community Room: **Chat and Craft**
Sat 10.00am **Saturday Cafe Community Room**
Summer trip to Newbiggin by the Sea

Sun 9.30am: **Trinity 11** Rev'd Gerard Rundell presides and preaches

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thurs 4th Sept 2.00pm **Prayer and praise**
8.00pm **Men' Group 'Stories and Songs of Northumbria'**
Wed 10th Sept 10.45am -12.15pm **Art for Pleasure open morning**
Wed 10th Sept 7.30pm **Rev'd Emma Duff (LGBT+ Chaplain) discussion**
Thurs 25th Sept 7.30pm **Open DCC meeting**
Fri 27th Sept 9.30am **Macmillan Coffee Morning Great Park CC**

NOTICES

TODAY'S SERVICE LINK: <https://bit.ly/StAidan2025Trinity10>

CONGRATULATIONS- To Hannah, Caleb and Evelyn on the birth of their new baby daughter and sister.

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

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 10th 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 25th Sept, the DCC will hold an open discussion which all are welcome to attend, on how we want to respond.

CHRISTIAN AID –GAZA - Following enquiries by some as to what we can do in response to the situation in Gaza. Helen Cunningham from Christian Aid has suggested, donations to the Middle East Appeal, as apparently Christian Aid is supporting partners who are able to do some good despite restrictions there. The 'Fast for Gaza' campaign that encourages people to fast once a week, to sign up on the website to let Christian Aid know that they are joining, and also if they want to, to contact their MP as a lot of people may not be able to fast.

ART for PLEASURE – a small, friendly, self-programming art group who meet on Wednesday mornings in the community room 10.15am to 12.15pm are having an open morning on Wednesday 10th September. Whether you are considering joining or just want a peek at their work you would be very welcome to pop in. For more details see poster at the back of church.

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 Archdeacon Rachel Wood and Area Dean Paul Baker

For the community Churchwardens: Catherine Susan and Dorothy. People's Kitchen, foodbank and Children North East.

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 Mona Watson, Richard Potts, Dave Robson, James Hepplewhite, Ted Pentland, Ronnie Dixon, Bertha Thresh, Robert Peacock.



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