



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

**Sunday 3rd August 2025
Trinity 7**

In our gospel reading Jesus tells the parable of a rich farmer, who wants to store riches for himself. He tears down his barns to hoard yet more wealth, before finally, he thinks to himself, he can take it easy. And yet, that very night he dies. It's a parable that reminds us that, as colloquial wisdom has it, 'you can't take it with you.' More importantly though, we're asked what we're building with this one life we get. Are we hoarding things to ourselves, building ever bigger barns for all that we've accumulated, waiting for that day that never quite seems to come when we'll finally have enough? Or are we building something with lasting value. A treasure that will endure beyond this life and into the next. Are we rich in love? Have we stored up kindness and generosity? Have we accumulated wisdom, compassion, and faithfulness? These things are true treasure. So what are you building?

Hosea 11.1-4, 8-9

When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.

² The more I called them,
the more they went from me;
they kept sacrificing to the Baals,
and offering incense to idols.

³ Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk,
I took them up in my arms;
but they did not know that I healed them.

⁴ I led them with cords of human kindness,
with bands of love.

I was to them like those
who lift infants to their cheeks.
I bent down to them and fed them.

⁸ How can I give you up, Ephraim?
How can I hand you over, O Israel?
How can I make you like Admah?
How can I treat you like Zeboiim?
My heart recoils within me;
my compassion grows warm and tender.

⁹ I will not execute my fierce anger;
I will not again destroy Ephraim;
for I am God and no mortal,
the Holy One in your midst,
and I will not come in wrath.

Luke 12.13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' ¹⁴But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' ¹⁵And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" ¹⁸Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." ²⁰But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

TODAY 9.30am: Family Service for Trinity 7. Rev'd Gerard Rundell leads and preaches.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Wed	10.00am Church: BCP Midweek Eucharist (Rev'd Jeremy Chadd)
Thurs	10.30am St Aidan's Men's Group Outing to Trinity House 2.00pm No Prayer and Praise
Sat	10.00am Saturday Cafe Community Room
Sun	9.30am: Trinity 8 Rev'd Claire Lewis presides and preaches

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wed	13 th Aug	12pm for 12.30pm Lunch Group Northern Rugby Club
Thurs	14 th Aug	2.00pm Film Club 'The Lake House'
Sat	30 th Aug	Time TBC Summer trip to Newbiggin by the Sea
Wed	10 th Sept	7.30pm Rev'd Emma Duff (LGBT+ Chaplain) discussion
Thurs	25 th Sept	7.30pm Open DCC meeting

NOTICES

TODAY'S SERVICE LINK: <https://bit.ly/StAidan2025Trinity7>

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 30th August. The plan is to meet at Newbiggin Maritime Centre at 12pm, and stay for the afternoon. We'll have some lunch, enjoy the museum, church and beach, and some time together. A sign-up sheet is available at the back of church. Please let us know your planned travel arrangements, and whether you would like pre-ordered fish-and-chips, which we'll arrange if the weather allows us to eat outside.

GERARD'S LEAVE – Gerard will be on leave from Monday 4th Aug – Monday 25th 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 10th September, 7.30pm, Rev'd Emma Duff, Newcastle Dioceses' LGBT+ Chaplain, 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.

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 Rev'd Mark Edwards, and the churches of St Matthews and St Cuthbert's. For St Columba's and their future incumbent.

For the community For our Safeguarding officer, Catherine, that our church would be a safe place for all. For those in our community who are searching for God.

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 Bill Robinson, Brenda Short, Frank Tinlin



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