



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

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
Trinity 13**

The parable in this morning's Gospel is perhaps one of the most famous Jesus tells, but our familiarity with it means we sometimes fail to hear how outrageous it is. Jesus says to the scribes and the pharisees: 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?' But of course the answer to that question is: 'none of us'. To leave the flock in order to search for one wayward sheep risks losing everything for the uncertain gain of finding one. It's terrible economics, questionable morality, and makes no sense at all. And yet Jesus tells us that this is what grace is like. God risks it all to save one wandering sinner. God cares enough to lose everything if it means finding that scared, stray member of his flock. So if you've ever felt lost in life know that there are no lengths that God won't go to, to find you and bring you home. He'll walk into death itself, risk everything, and give up his very life, simply to find the stray sheep he loves. And that stray sheep, might well be you.

**Jeremiah 4:11-12,22-28**

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights\* in the desert towards my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse—a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgement against them.

'For my people are foolish,  
they do not know me;  
they are stupid children,  
they have no understanding.  
They are skilled in doing evil,  
but do not know how to do good.'

I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void;  
and to the heavens, and they had no light.  
I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking,  
and all the hills moved to and fro.  
I looked, and lo, there was no one at all,  
and all the birds of the air had fled.  
I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert,  
and all its cities were laid in ruins  
before the Lord, before his fierce anger.

For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end.

Because of this the earth shall mourn,  
and the heavens above grow black;  
for I have spoken, I have purposed;  
I have not relented nor will I turn back.

### **Luke 15:1-10**

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "These fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

**TODAY**     9.30am: Trinity 13 Rev'd Lee Kirkby presides and preaches  
(Gerard at St Columba's)

### **THE WEEK AHEAD**

<b>Tues</b>	3.30pm –5.00pm; <b>After School Drop-Off Club</b>
<b>Wed</b>	10.00am Church: <b>BCP Midweek Eucharist</b> 10.15 am -12.15pm Community Room <b>Art for Pleasure open morning</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	9.00am -3.30pm Church: <b>Emergency First Aid Training</b> 2.00pm Community Room: <b>Friends Having Fun</b>
<b>Sat</b>	10.00am Community Room <b>Saturday Cafe</b> 2.00-4.00pm <b>Community Centre Autumn Fair</b>
<b>Sun</b>	9.30am: Trinity 14, St Matthew. Bernie Troughton leads, Rev'd Gerard Rundell presides and preaches

### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

<b>Mon</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	7.30pm : <b>Bible Study Group on Zoom</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	7.30pm <b>Open DCC meeting</b>
<b>Fri</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.30am <b>Macmillan Coffee Morning Great Park CC</b>
<b>Sun</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Harvest Thanksgiving Service followed by breakfast</b>

## **NOTICES**

**TODAY'S SERVICE LINK:** <https://bit.ly/StAidan2025Trinity13>

**EMERGENCY FIRST AID TRAINING:** will take place in church this Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 9.00am to 3.30pm. Anyone wishing to take part please attend on the day.

**COMMUNITY CENTRE AUTUMN FAIR-** Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2-4pm with raffle books, bottle stall, toys and more.

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP** The Bible Study Group will meet again on Zoom at 7.30 pm on Monday 22nd September, beginning a study of Paul's letter to the Philippians. All are welcome to join us – contact Ken Newitt on 07770 480938 or [kmnewitt@outlook.com](mailto:kmnewitt@outlook.com) for the Zoom link or for more details.

### **OPEN DCC MEETING AND DISCUSSION – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm**

Following the input from Rev'd Emma Duff LGBT+ Chaplain, the DCC will host an open meeting for further discussion and how we want to respond. Please join us if you're able to think about our welcome of LGBT+ people (as well as others) and what that might look like.

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING-** The World's Biggest Coffee Morning for MacMillan Cancer Support is being held in Great Park Community Centre, on Friday 26 September from 9.30am until 12.30pm. The money raised is going to Toon Angels, which is a local charity for MacMillan. If you are able to donate cakes, and or Tombola prizes, we would be very grateful. Volunteers on the day are welcome too. Thank you, Susan and Ann.

**LUNCH GROUP-** will meet on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at the Rugby Club 12 o'clock for 12.30 meal. Names to Pat or Pauline if you wish to join.

**LISTEN WITH YOUR HEART** -Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 11.00am St Mary's Church Fawdon message from Rev'd Geoff Miller 'We are organising this little event in response to some people wondering how they could better pray for the situation in Palestine/Israel. The videos speak for themselves but are very simple presentations by Palestinian and Israeli parents who have lost children in the conflict and are trying to work together to build hope. They are very powerful. I have accessed them from the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle's Justice and Peace group and show them with their permission.

## Living on God's Good Earth: September

*Brewing a fairer world*

Did you know that in Britain we drink over 100 million cups of tea every day? It might be the world's most popular drink after water – but the people who grow our tea leaves rarely get a fair price for their labour. Fairtrade fortnight falls this month, and the Fairtrade Foundation are asking us to focus on the humble teabag, choosing fairtrade tea where we can and pushing the UK government to ensure a fair future for the humble brew. Find out more about at

<https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/do-it-fair/>

### 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 and St John's URC

**For the community.** Social committee, welcome team, tea & coffee, flower arrangers – all who make church an inviting place. Christian Aid, especially their Middle East appeal and the Children's Society. Assemblies and presence in local schools; Brunton First, Havannah

**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, Marion Newitt

**For those who have died –and on their anniversaries** Eric Davidson, Ruth Hay, Susan Hollingshead, Jenny Johnson, Ellen Hall, Joan Renwick, John Havis.



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