



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

**Sunday 7th September 2025
Family Service. Trinity12**

Psalms 139 is a well known and much loved Psalm, and with good reason. It reminds us that we are not accidents, aimlessly and purposely existing in a dispassionate universe. Instead, we're the hand-made creations of a loving God. We are intimately known and deeply loved, simply because God has made us. And we are reminded that no matter where we go, or what we do, God will always be there. This Psalm tells a profound truth that goes to the heart of our identity. No matter the worries we face, no matter our sense of unworthiness or inadequacy, no matter the trials that life throws at us or the mistakes we make on the way; we can always know that God has made us, God knows us, and God loves us. So take the time to read this Psalm and hear that you too are fearfully and wonderfully made.

Psalm 139.1-5, 12-18

1 O Lord, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 You mark out my journeys and my resting place
and are acquainted with all my ways.

3 For there is not a word on my tongue,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

4 You encompass me behind and before
and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
so high that I cannot attain it.

12 For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

13 I thank you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
marvellous are your works, my soul knows well.

14 My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.

15 Your eyes beheld my form, as yet unfinished;
already in your book were all my members written,

16 As day by day they were fashioned
when as yet there was none of them.

17 How deep are your counsels to me, O God!
How great is the sum of them!

18 If I count them, they are more in number than the sand,
and at the end, I am still in your presence.

Matthew 6.5-8

'And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶ But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁷ 'When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

TODAY 9.30am: Family Service Rev'd Gerard Rundell leads and preaches

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon 7.30pm: **Bible Study Group on Zoom**
Tues 3.30pm -5.00pm: **After School Drop-Off Club**
Wed 10.00am Church: **BCP Midweek Eucharist**
7.30pm Church : **Rev'd Emma Duff (LGBT+ Chaplain) discussion**
Thurs 2.00pm Community Room: **Film Club 'Sully'**
Sat 10.00am Community Room **Saturday Cafe**

Sun 9.30am: **Trinity 13** Rev'd Lee Kirkby presides and preaches

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wed 17th Sept 10.15 am -12.15pm **Art for Pleasure open morning**
Thurs 18th Sept 9.00am -3.30pm **Emergency First Aid Training**
Thurs 25th Sept 7.30pm **Open DCC meeting**
Fri 26th Sept 9.30am **Macmillan Coffee Morning Great Park CC**

NOTICES

TODAY'S SERVICE LINK: <https://bit.ly/StAidan2025Trinity12>

BIBLE STUDY GROUP The Bible Study Group will resume on Zoom at 7.30 pm on Monday 8 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 for the Zoom link or for more details.

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

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 17th 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.

SNAKES and LADDERS PLAYGROUP- are to start using the community room and kitchen each Thursday from 8.00am to 1.30pm then in church until 2.00pm. For safeguarding reasons during this period, the rooms will not be accessible to the public.

LISTEN WITH YOUR HEART -Wednesday 8th 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 Gerard Rundell, Hannah Malcolm, Ray Devenney and Jean Skinner.

For the community. Lay Ministers Ken Newitt and Bernie Troughton. Pastoral Care Team. Our shared outdoor spaces and the wildlife who live there, especially efforts to protect and restore the Ouseburn.

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 Jean parkin, Clare Westwater, Edna Craig, Godfrey Wright, Alfred Kalauf, Lorna Sleight James Clark, Margaret Hyde, Andrew Anderson, Mary Snaith, Barbara Kindred.



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