



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

**Sunday 12th October 2025  
Trinity 17**

This week's Gospel reading continues the theme of gratitude. Last week we celebrated Harvest festival, a chance to give thanks to God, and this week we're reminded again of the importance of gratefulness. So why is it worth hammering home the point? I'm sure we all learned our Ps and Qs as children, so why is saying thank you that important? Well the reason, I think, is that true gratitude changes how we live, and true gratitude is not all that easy.

So 10 lepers are healed, but 9 of them simply leave without a word of thanks to God. So often we can be like this. Things go right, and instead of thanking God we take them for granted. Our healing isn't a gift but a right, our possessions aren't a blessing from God, but things that are ours to claim. But one leper returned to give thanks to God. And what a difference it could make if we could do the same. If we could turn all that we have, all that we're given, into opportunities to thank God. Not because we deserve these things, not because we have any right to hold onto them, but because God has been generous, and we respond with thanks. What difference would it make to your life if you could be more like that one leper who, astounded by the goodness of God's grace, returned and gave him thanks for what he had received?

**Jeremiah 29. 1. 4-7**

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. It said: Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

## **Luke 17. 11-19**

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

**TODAY**     Trinity 17 Rev'd Gerard Rundell presides and preaches

### **THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Mon**        7.30pm **Bible Study on Zoom**  
**Tues**       3.30pm –5.00pm; **After School Drop-Off Club**  
**Wed**       10.00am Church: **BCP Midweek Eucharist**  
**Thurs**      2.00pm Community Room: **Friends Having Fun**  
**Sat**    10.00am Community Room: **Children's Society Coffee Morning and opening of the collection boxes**  
**Sun**        9.30am: Trinity 18 Rev'd Gerard Rundell presides and preaches

### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**Thurs**       23rd Oct 2.00pm **Chat and Craft**  
**Fri**        31<sup>st</sup> Oct 3.30-5pm **Halloween Family Event**  
**Sun**        2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 7.00pm **All Souls Service**  
**Thurs**      6<sup>th</sup> Nov 7.30pm **St Columba's, licensing of Rev'd Ruth Stradling**  
**Sun**        9<sup>th</sup> Nov 9.30am **Remembrance Sunday**

### **NOTICES**

**TODAY'S SERVICE LINK** <https://bit.ly/StAidan2025Trinity17>

**HARVEST DONATIONS** – Thank you to Brunton First School, Snakes and Ladders Nursery and everyone who donated food which was gratefully received by Kenton Food Bank and the Peoples Kitchen.

**CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOX OPENING** – and coffee morning Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October 10am, please bring your collection boxes to church before or on the day or contact Catherine on 07904757872.

**ALL SOULS SERVICE** – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 7.00pm when we remember and pray for deceased family, friends and loved ones. There is a sheet at the back of church to add names of those you would like read out at the service.

**ST AIDAN'S HALLOWEEN FAMILY EVENT** - join us on Friday 31st October between 3.30pm and 5pm for our Halloween event. We've got a bouncy castle, face-painting and disco, along with fun games and some 'glowing' activities, story and hot tea of chicken nuggets, hot dogs or pizza served with fries and a sweet treat. This is a ticketed event through Eventbrite (check our noticeboards or socials for links) with a suggested donation of £2 per child to cover part of the event costs. If you'd like to help of the day we will have lots of jobs, so even if you only have half an hour to spare that would be a great help to us.

**FRIENDS HAVING FUN** - runs on the third Thursday of the month, but December will be the last one. If anyone would like to take over the running of this club, or has an idea for a new one, please contact Rev'd Gerard or one of the church wardens.

**DCC MEETING UPDATE** – Many thanks to all who joined the open DCC meeting on Thursday. The decision was made to affirm our welcome of the LGBT+ community and to make that known to those who are outside the church. We will include a statement of welcome of all people on our website, making clear that we don't discriminate on any grounds (have a read, it's also quite funny!). We will also have a series of posters on our notice board in support of various groups to offer prayer, welcome and support at various times in the year (e.g. Men's Mental Health Awareness Week, Baby Loss Awareness Week, and others), and during Pride month we will include a tasteful poster showing support and welcome of the LGBT+ community, without aligning ourselves to any particular organisation. Thank you to everyone who came to a constructive meeting that found a consensus we could all agree on.

**Living on God's Good Earth: October**  
*Use Your LOAF*

When we go to the supermarket, it can feel like a minefield of choice. How do we know what counts as a 'good' or 'ethical' product when there are so many competing brands and issues to consider? If you're not sure where to begin, a helpful guide is the LOAF principle: wherever possible, look out for products which are Local, Organic, Animal friendly, or Fairtrade. Start with one or two LOAF swaps and see where it takes you!

## SUNDAY SERMONS

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** Mark Edwards and St Cuthbert's and St Matthew's. St Columba's Church and their future incumbent Ruth Stradling. Safeguarding officer Catherine, that our church is a safe place for all

**For the community** Refugees and recent arrivals in our community, for all who have come to our city in search of safety and peace. For those in our community who are searching for God, that they would come to faith, those preparing for baptism.

**For the world** – all countries facing hardship and conflict. For our own national and political life

**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** Rory Dryburgh, Betty Stothard, Stanley Scott, Michael Nash



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