



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

**Sunday 30th November 2025
The First Sunday of Advent**

This Sunday marks the beginning of the Christian year and the start of Advent. The church begins its journey through the rhythm of the liturgical year by marking a season of attentive waiting. Advent asks us to prepare for both the coming of Christ at Christmas, and the coming of Christ at the end of time, drawing all thing to himself as Lord and King.

Often these weeks leading to Christmas are filled with busyness. We prepare our homes for the celebrations of Christmas day. We spend time putting up decorations, planning meals, buying gifts, but Advent reminds us to prepare not only our homes, but also our hearts. So, over this season how will you prepare how will you prepare your heart? How will you make space within all the busyness of Christmas to make your heart ready to welcome the Christ who comes to us in the vulnerability of a child in a manger, and will one day come again to restore all creation in his loving image.

Isaiah 2. 1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the
nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD

Matthew 24. 26 – 44

So, if they say to you, "Look! He is in the wilderness", do not go out. If they say, "Look! He is in the inner rooms", do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather. Immediately after the suffering of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore, you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

TODAY Advent 1 Rev'd Gerard Rundell will preside and preach.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tues	3.30pm – 5.00pm; After School Drop-Off Club
Wed	10.00am Church: BCP Midweek Eucharist
Thurs	3.30 – 5pm Community Christmas Tea Party in the Community Centre 7.30pm Church: Gosforth and District Choir Christmas Concert
Sat	10.00am Community Room: Saturday Café
Sun	9.30am Advent Family Service Revd Gerard Rundell will lead and Preach.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Mon 8th Dec 7.30pm **Carols on the Green. Netherwitton Way/Greenfield Road with the Salvation Army Band and refreshments.**
Thurs 11th Dec 12.00pm **Men's Group Christmas Lunch. Rugby Club**
2.00pm Community room. **Film Club 'The Bishop's Wife'**
Sun 14th Dec **Christmas Party at the Vicarage 3-5pm**
Sat 20th Dec 7.00pm Church : **Festival of Carols and Readings - with the Colla Voce Chamber Choir and Orchestra.**

NOTICES

TODAY'S SERVICE LINK: <https://bit.ly/StAidan2025Advent1>

We are sorry that the service on the 16th November could not be seen at home. That was due to a problem outside our control but we expect to be back on air this Sunday.

CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY – help needed please with delivery of this year's Christmas cards. Bundles can be found at the back of church and lists to mark up which streets you are covering. Thank you so much for your help.

SHARED CHRISTMAS CARDS – remember to bring one card along to church and pin it on our community Christmas card board. No need to write anymore to anyone in church. Donations in lieu of buying cards will go to our Christmas charities.

FESTIVAL of CAROLS and READINGS – 20th Dec at 7.00pm in Church with the Colla Voce Chamber Choir and Orchestra. With choral music by Benjamin Britten, Cecilia McDowall, John Rutter and congregational carols.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TEA PARTY – Thursday 4th December 3.00 - 5.30pm St Aidan's Community Centre. A chance to treat over 70's. This is a free event but numbers are limited and must be booked. See forms at the back of church or contact Leigh Geddes 07941295449.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP – The Bible Study Group will not meet during December.

EASYFUNDRAISING – Did you know, St Aidan's is registered with easyfundraising? This means you can help us to raise money for FREE! Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really do mount up, so please sign up to support us at

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/staidanschurchbruntonpark>

Living on God's good earth

December: Christmas is for Sharing

It's the most expensive time of the year! As we look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus, the pressure to spend a lot - and waste a lot - can be very high. This month, look for ways to live and give more simply. You could give one Christmas card to the whole church on our community card board, or try 'Secret Santa' style giving with family or friends, donating any money you save. When present shopping, buying experiences and consumables are a great way to cut down on waste! --

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. For all ministers serving across our deanery, those on deanery synod. St Aidan's kids' group, baby and toddler group, and youth group.

For the community. Manor House, Bowmont House and Melton House

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

For those in need – Esther Wooler, Sue Bates, Sheila Lonie, Christine Crompton, Charlie Bennett, Lindsay Miller, Marion Newitt

For those who have died, and on their anniversaries. Lillian Futers, Thomas Gill, Mabel Wyatt, Jean Thorpe.



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