



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

**Sunday 16th November 2025
Second Sunday before Advent**

As we head towards the season of Advent, we're already in apocalyptic territory with this week's Gospel passage. Jesus tells of the destruction of the temple, and the signs of things to come. This passage, and others like it, often make for uncomfortable reading in a modern world. But perhaps that's the point. Perhaps they're supposed to ask us whether we've got our priorities right, or whether they've slipped off course.

Does Jesus' prophecy of destruction, speak to the temples that we've built? Have we created something that takes the place of God in our worship and our lives? Have we built a temple, in our churches, in our habits, in our ambitions, instead of being the people of God? Perhaps sometimes we need to hear words that tell us that, in the end, nothing will stand that isn't God's handiwork. Nothing that we create to put in his place can last, because ultimately, as God draws all things to himself, everything that is not his, and is not of him, will have to fall.

These are difficult, uncomfortable words, but perhaps that's the point. So what temple might Jesus be needing to tear down for you, and how will faithfulness to God replace it?

Malachi 4. 1 – 2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

Luke 21. 5 – 19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them.

When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately. Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

TODAY 9.30am Second Sunday before Advent Rev'd Gerard Rundell will preside and preach

11.30am Baptism of Thomas Matthew

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**
Thurs 2.00pm Community Room: **Friends having Fun**
Sat 10.00am Community Room: **Saturday Café**
Sun **No 9.30am service at St Aidan's**
10.00am St Columba's Christ the King Team service and
and confirmation

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wed 26th Nov 12.30pm **Lunch Group Christmas Lunch at the Rugby Club**
Thurs 27th Nov 2.00pm **Chat and Craft**
7.30pm **DCC Meeting**
Sat 29th Nov 10.00am **St Aidan's Christmas Fair in church**
Sat 29th Nov 2.00pm **White Ribbon Day Service**
St Mary the Virgin Parish Church Ponteland
Sun 30th Nov 2.30pm **The Darling Dollies St Aidan's Community Centre**
Thurs 4th Dec 3.30 – 5pm **Community Christmas Tea Party**

NOTICES

TODAY'S SERVICE LINK <https://bit.ly/StAidan2025BeforeAdvent>

BIBLE STUDY GROUP- Having completed the study of Paul's letter to the Philippians, the Bible Study Group is going to embark on the book of Revelation, starting on Monday 17th November, 7.30 pm on Zoom. All welcome – contact Ken Newitt (07770 480938, kmnewitt@outlook.com) for further information, including the Zoom link.

TEAM SERVICE FOR CHRIST THE KING – On Sunday 23rd November, the Feast of Christ the King, we will join with the whole team at St Columba's, at 10am. We will be joined by Bishop Mark, who will confirm 6 candidates from across the Parish. Please note both the different start time, and that there will be no service at St Aidan's that morning! Janice will be arranging children's activities as usual, so families are very welcome to join.

CHRISTMAS FAIR Saturday 29th November 10am to 12pm in church - with refreshments raffle, bottle stall, teddy tombola, toy stall, Christmas stall and others. Santa will be visiting our grotto. Donations would be very much appreciated and can be left at the back of church, particularly of bottles; any soft toys and small children's toys (fidget spinners, poppers, or similar); and any Christmas related gifts (decorations, wrapping paper, gift bags etc.) Cakes on the day. Volunteers also needed to help. Thank you.

WHITE RIBBON DAY SERVICE- 29th November 2pm at St Mary the Virgin Parish Church, Ponteland. A short, gentle service to consider the global problem of violence against women and girls and domestic abuse. Light refreshments. Listeners on hand should you need to talk to someone after the service.

FESTIVE AFTERNOON- Sunday 30th November with the Darling Dollies at St Aidan's Community Centre. Cost £12.50. Pay on the door. Please email thedarlingdollies@hotmail.com. To advise of numbers.

POPPY APPEAL – Thank you to those who supported the poppy appeal. £78.96 was sent to the Royal British Legion which included a £25 donation from St Aidan's.

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.

**Living on God's good earth November 2025:
A green energy future**

Did you know that last year the UK became the first major economy to stop producing coal power? As we give thanks for the past and look to a green energy future, all of us can get involved. It has never been easier or cheaper to switch to a green energy supplier. If you're looking for a starting point, the experts at 'Which?' have awarded Octopus Energy, Ecotricity, and Good Energy the title of 'Eco Provider' in 2024. Here at St Aidan's, we use Octopus Energy!

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 Sacred Heart RC and St John's URC. Social committee, welcome team, tea & coffee, flower arrangers – all who make church an inviting space. Lay Ministers Bernie Troughton and Derek Marshall, reader Ken Newitt, and Children and Families worker Janice Charlton.

For the community. Christian Aid and the Children's Society. Assemblies and presence in local schools: Brunton First, Havannah.

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 Colin Dunlevy, Norton Dunthorne, Robert Nicholson, William Russell, Colin Purvis, Thomas Purdy, Margaret Green, Rita Gellespie, Madeline Howard, Ronald Scott, Sylvia Haywood.



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