

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

## Sunday 23rd November 2025 Festival of Christ the King

This Sunday marks the feast of Christ the King. For us, as part of the team Parish of Christ the King, it's an important day. We'll be joining together with all the churches in the team for a service led by Bishop Mark, and celebrating the confirmation of seven candidates from across the parish.

As we do, we're reminded that we gather in the name of a King unlike any other. Our gospel reading shows what the kingship of Jesus truly looks like. There's no gilded throne to sit on, no courtiers surrounding Jesus. He carries no wealth, commands no armies, holds no prestige, gains no privilege. Instead we're shown Christ's Kingship, as he's enthroned on a cross, and welcomes a thief who hangs beside him into his kingdom. As he's stripped of his possessions, abandoned by his followers, mocked and derided, and left to die.

This is the King we worship as Christians. The King who gave his life on a cross in order to open a way for us into his Kingdom. A King willing to give everything for the sake of love for his people. So this Sunday, we will gather together in worship, we will offer our prayers and support for those confirming their desire to follow this King, and we will be reminded that we too are citizens in a Kingdom like no other: the Kingdom of God, where we are welcomed by Christ the King.

Readings: Jeremiah 23.1-6

Luke 23.33-43

**TODAY** 10.00am St Columba's Christ the King Team service and and confirmation with Bishop Mark.

### **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
Wed	12.30pm Lunch Group Christmas Lunch at the Rugby Club
Thurs	2.00pm Community Room <b>Chat and Craft</b>
	7.30pm Community Room <b>DCC Meeting</b>
Sat	10.00am St Aidan's Christmas Fair in church
Sat	2.00pm White Ribbon Day Service St Mary the Virgin Parish Church
	Ponteland
Sun	9.30am Advent 1 Rev'd Gerard Rundell will preside and preach.
Sun	2.30pm The Darling Dollies St Aidan's Community Centre

#### DATES FOR THE DIARY

iues	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec 3.30pm –5.00pm; <b>Affer School Drop-Off Club</b>
Wed	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec 10.00am Church: <b>BCP Midweek Eucharist</b>
Thurs	4 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2.00pm Community room. <b>Prayer and Praise</b>
	3.30 – 5pm Community Christmas Tea Party
	7.30pm Church: Gosforth and District Choir Christmas Concert
Mon	8 <sup>th</sup> Dec 7.30pm: Carols on the Green. Netherwitton Way/Greenfield

Road with the Salvation Army Band and refreshments.

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 12.00pm **Men's Group Christmas Lunch. Rugby Club** 

Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Party at the Vicarage time TBC.

Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Dec Church : **Festival of Carols and Readings- with the Colla Voce**Chamber Choir and members and friends of the Berwick Orchestra.

## **NOTICES**

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.

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP-** The Bible Study Group will conclude our two-part introduction to Revelation, Monday 24th November, 7.30 pm on Zoom. All welcome – contact Ken Newitt (07770 480938, <a href="mailto:kmnewitt@outlook.com">kmnewitt@outlook.com</a>) for further information, including the Zoom link.

**FESTIVE AFTERNOON-** Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TEA PARTY -** Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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

**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 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**. Mark Edwards and St Cuthbert's and St Matthew's. Ruth Stradling and St Columba's. Saturday Café, Men's group, Thursday Groups.

**For the community.** Brunton Park Medical Centre and local businesses. St Aidan's Community Centre and Great Park Community Centre, groups meeting in our church and community room.

**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. Ralph Pyke, Anne Havis, Brian Adair Douglas Hunter, Margaret Wilkinson.



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