



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

**Sunday 2nd November 2025
All Saints**

This Sunday we'll be marking two important days in the Christian year: All Saints, and All Souls. The two are connected in the act of remembering those who have gone before us in the faith. All Saints gives thanks for those people, whether in history, or in our own experience, who have been a witness to us of how to live a life of faith in Christ. All Souls, remembers all those we have loved, giving thanks that in faith, they now rest with God in heaven.

Each of these days serves as a both a chance to look back in thanksgiving, and an encouragement to look forward in hope. As we look to the lives of those who have inspired our faith, so we're also called to look forward to how we choose to live our own lives. We don't just give thanks for the Saints, we're called to join them! Our lives can be lived so that future generations might look back and remember us as the one who inspired their own faith. And they in turn can do the same for the next generation, and the next, and so the faith is passed on. That is the call of the Saints, and it's a call we joyfully take up. As the hymn famously has it: 'Oh how I want to be in that number, when the Saints go marching in!'

Ephesians 1:11-16

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, ¹ having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.

Luke 6: 20 – 31

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God. 'Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.
'Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

TODAY 9.30am: All Saints Family Service Rev'd Gerard Rundell leads and preaches
7.00pm: All Souls Service

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: **Prayer and Praise**
7.30pm St Columba's: **Licensing of the Rev'd Ruth Stradling**
8.00pm Community Room: **Men's Group 'The Art of Prison'**
Sat 10.00am Community Room: **Saturday Café**

Sun 9.30am Remembrance Sunday Rev'd Gerard Rundell will preside and preach

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tues 11th Nov 11.00am **Service of Remembrance outside church**
Thurs 13th Nov 2.00pm **Film Club**
Sun 23rd Nov 10.am **St Columba's Team Service and Confirmation.**
No 9.30am service at St Aidan's
Wed 26th Nov 12.30pm **Lunch Group Christmas Lunch**

Sat 29th Nov 10am **St Aidan's Christmas Fair**

NOTICES

TODAY'S SERVICE LINK <https://bit.ly/StAidan2025AllSaints>

REV'D RUTH STRADLING LICENSING – On Thursday 6th November, 7.30pm at St Columba's, Rev'd Ruth Stradling will be licensed to the team as Team Vicar and incumbent of St Columba's. Please do join us if you're able to welcome her to the Parish and pray for her as she takes up a new ministry.

LUNCH GROUP – will meet on 26th November at the Rugby Club. Our festive meal will be served at 12 30. Please let Pat or Pauline know if you would like to join us.

CHRISTMAS FAIR – Saturday 29th November 10am to 12pm in church. Volunteers are needed to help on the day and donations for the raffle, bottle stall and other stalls would be gratefully received.

REFRESHMENTS ROTAS – There still remains a number of gaps in the Sunday morning rota. It would be appreciated if able volunteers could add their name to the list. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY – our boxes this year raised £460 and the coffee morning £85. Margaret Humphrey received donations of just over £500 for her birthday. Thank you to everyone for their support and wonderful generosity.

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. St Columba's Church and their future incumbent Ruth Stradling. DCC members and officers.

For the community. People's Kitchen. Kenton Food Bank and Children N.E. Charity

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: Bill Yeamon, Jack Murgatroyd, Sylvia Caldicott, Ernest Hall.



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