

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

Sunday 9th November 2025 Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Sunday is a day that remembers the horrors of two world wars, and the tragic violence that continues in wars around the world, and does two things. First it looks back and remembers with thanksgiving the sacrifice of lives laid down in war. It gives those who have died in the armed forces the dignity of remembering them, giving both their life and their death the honour it deserves. But it also looks forward. We remember the horror of war, in order to shape a world of peace.

In this morning's reading from Isaiah we're given a promise of a future peaceable Kingdom. A Kingdom in which the wolf shall live with the lamb, where there shall be no more war. In Jesus' life and ministry that Kingdom has already broken into the world: 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' Through Jesus, the peaceable Kingdom of God is already present within the world, and as Christians we are called to live within it. So we too look back, to what Jesus did on the cross, in order to look forward in hope to a Kingdom of peace.

This Remembrance Sunday, we remember with thanksgiving the sacrifice of those who died in war, and we remember the sacrifice of the God who died on a cross for our sake. And in both acts, we look back in order to look forward as we seek to shape a world where the peaceable Kingdom of God takes root even here and now.

Isaiah 11.1 - 9

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,

and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,

the spirit of wisdom and understanding,

the spirit of counsel and might,

the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,

or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,

and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,

and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,

the leopard shall lie down with the kid,

the calf and the lion and the fatling together,

and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze,

their young shall lie down together;

and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,

and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy

on all my holy mountain;

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD

as the waters cover the sea.

Luke 4. 16 - 21

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tues 10.50am Outside the front of church **Act of Remembrance**.

3.30pm –5.00pm; After School Drop-Off Club

Wed 10.00am Church: BCP Midweek Eucharist

Thurs 2.00pm Community Room: Film Club 'The Light between Oceans'

Sat 10.00am Community Room: Saturday Café

Sun 9.30am Second Sunday before Advent Mr Bernie Troughton will lead, Rev'd Gerard Rundell will preside and preach

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thurs 20th Nov 2.00pm Friends having Fun

Sun 23rd Nov 10.am St Columba's Church. Christ the King Team service

and confirmation with Bishop Mark. No 9.30am service at St Aidan's

Wed 26th Nov 12.30pm Lunch Group Christmas Lunch at the Rugby Club

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

NOTICES

TODAY'S SERVICE LINK https://bit.ly/StAidan2025Remembrance

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.

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 -

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.

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. Gerard Rundell, Hannah Malcolm, Ray Devenney and Jean Skinner .Lay Ministers Ken Newitt, Bernie Troughton and Derek Webster. Pastoral Care Team.

For the community. Our shared outdoor spaces and the wildlife who live there, especially efforts to protect and restore the Ouseburn.

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: Kathleen Everitt, Nancy Middleton, David Wilson, John Smith, Doreen Chinnery, Ian Churnside, Jim Macintyre.



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