



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

**Sunday 11th January 2026
Baptism of Christ**

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Christ alongside the baptism of Julia, joining a story that stretches from the waters of the Jordan to the font in St Aidan's today. Jesus begins his ministry by showing us what a life shaped by God looks like, inviting us not only to hear his words but to do this — to live as he lived. In the waters of Baptism we discover new life, a renewed purpose, and the grace to walk in Jesus' footsteps on the road that leads to life. Today we pray for Julia as she begins her journey of faith, for her godparents, and for Hannah, Caleb, and Evelyn, as they help her grow into the fullness of that calling.

Isaiah 42. 1 – 9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
² He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
³ a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵ Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
⁶ I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

⁹See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Matthew 3. 13 – 17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

TODAY 9.30am Baptism of Christ. Rev'd Gerard Rundell and The Rev'd Dr Hannah Malcolm will lead and preside
The service will include the baptism of Julia Malcolm.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon	11.15 am Funeral for John Sleight 7.30pm Bible Study Group
Tues	3.30pm to 5.00pm After School Drop Off Club
Wed	10.00am Church Book of Common Prayer Midweek Eucharist 11.30am Funeral for Sheila Lonie
Thurs	2.00pm Community Room. Friends Having Fun
Sat	10.00am Saturday Café
Sun	9.30am Epiphany 2 Rev'd Gerard Rundell will preside and preach

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wed 21 st	7.30pm PCC at St Cuthbert's
Thurs 22 nd	2.00pm Chat and Craft community room 7.00pm Conversation at St Aidan's with Catherine McKinnell MP Church
Sat 24 th	6.30pm for 7pm start Burn's Night Supper Church

NOTICES

TODAY'S SERVICE LINK <https://bit.ly/StAidan2026BaptismofChrist>

BIBLE STUDY GROUP The Bible study group will be resuming its online sessions tomorrow, Monday 12th January at 7.30 pm, continuing to look at the book of Revelation. We are planning to switch from Zoom to Microsoft Teams, but the format will be exactly the same. Contact Ken Newitt (kmnewitt@outlook.com, 07770 480938) for the joining link or further details. All welcome.

SHEILA LONIE – We were sorry to hear the sad news of the death of our dear friend Sheila. Her funeral will take place in church on Wednesday 14th January at 11.30am.

BURN'S NIGHT SUPPER –we will be holding our Burn's Night supper on Saturday 24th January, at 6.30pm for a 7pm meal. There will be Haggis, Neeps and Tatties (plus veggie and gluten free options, and sausages as an alternative) and dessert, with readings poetry and music. Tickets are £15 each, please speak to Margaret Urquhart, Susan or Mary to book a place.

THANK YOU – your recent donations have helped many charities: - **£78.96** RBL Poppy appeal, **£181** Salvation Army Carols on the Green, **£1797** raised by the Saturday Cafe shared between four charities– World Vision, Parkinson's UK, My Aware, Northumberland Wild Life, **£628.72** to each of the Christmas Collections Charities - Christian Aid Gaza, St Oswald's Hospice.

CONVERSATION AT ST AIDAN'S: CATHERINE MCKINNELL MP – At 7pm on Thursday 22nd our local MP, Catherine McKinnell, has kindly agreed to join us for a conversation about the life and work of a Member of Parliament. Please do support the event and join us to ask all those questions you've always wondered about life in politics.

Living on God's good earth: January

New year, new you

The new year is often a time when we feel pressure to make a new start, or try new things, but it can be hard to know where to begin. If you've never done a personal carbon footprint audit, this can be a great way to think about different areas of your life and see where simple changes can make a difference. The results can help you pick one area to focus on over the coming year. There are lots of carbon footprint audits available online, but a nice simple option is <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk>. If you want one with more detail, go for <https://www.climatestewards.org/offset>.

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 Our Prayers:

For the church. Gerard Rundell, Hannah Malcolm, Ray Devenney and Jean Skinner. Lay ministers Ken Newitt, Bernie Troughton, Derek Marshall. 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, Christine Crompton, Charlie Bennett, Lindsay Miller, Marion Newitt, Rebecca

For those who have died, John Sleight, Sheila Lonie

and on their anniversaries, Alan Vout, Jean Bates, John Reed, Crosby Humphrey, Mary Atwell, John Jeffery, Florence Kirkby, Margaret Staniland, Rosemary Edwards, Audrey Jordison, Alma Thompson



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