



**The Team Parish of Christ the King
St Aidan's Church Brunton Park
Sunday 15th March 2026
Mothering Sunday**

Mothering Sunday is a chance to give thanks for mothers and all who offer mothering love. It's wonderful to have a chance to celebrate that love together, and to recognise the ways it reflects the love of God. But the origins of Mothering Sunday are actually very different. Traditionally it was a week in the year to return to your 'mother church': the church where you learned your faith and grew up as part of God's family.

Perhaps then, as well as offering a chance to give thanks for mothers and mothering love, this Sunday offers a chance to ask how our church lives out its call to be a 'mother church'. How can we be church that nurtures the life and faith of all who come to share in worship? How can we shape our life together so that we truly live as brothers and sisters in Christ. Paul's letter to the Colossians shows us that to live together in this way takes intention and effort, and yet it is a beautiful vision for what the church could be. A family that lives with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience. A family that bears with one another, and forgives when we get things wrong. A family that allows all who come to be invited into not just community, but kinship. It's not easy, but perhaps this Mothering Sunday we might hear the call to be a 'mother church' to all those who are part of this family of brothers and sisters in Christ, here at St Aidan's.

Colossians 3. 12 – 17

God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

John 19. 25b - 27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

TODAY 9.30am Mothering Sunday Family Service. Rev'd Gerard Rundell will preside and preach.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon		NO Bible Study Group
Tues	3.30-5pm,	After School Club
	7.30pm	Community Room Lent Course 'The Chosen'
Wed	10am	BCP Midweek Eucharist
	12pm	Lent Lunch at St Cuthberts
Thurs	2.00pm	Community Room Coffee and Conversation
	7.30pm	Community Room St Aidan's DCC meeting
Sat	10.00am	Saturday Café
Sun	9.30am	Passion Sunday Rev'd Ruth Stradling will preside and preach (Gerard is at St Columba's.)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Mon 23rd	Bible Study Group
Tues 24th	After School Club
	7.30pm Lent Course 'The Chosen' Community Room'
Thurs 26th	Community Room Chat and Craft
Sun 29th	Palm Sunday

HOLY WEEK

Mon 30th-Wed 1st	7.30pm The Chosen (final 3 episodes of season 2)
Maundy Thursday	7.30pm Eucharist with foot-washing and vigil
Good Friday	10am Good Friday Family Worship
	2pm An Hour Before the Cross
Easter Sunday	6am Easter Vigil
	9.30am Easter Eucharist

NOTICES

TODAY'S SERVICE LINK <https://bit.ly/StAidans2026MotheringSunday>

LENT COURSE – Our Lent Course this year will be returning to 'The Chosen' a TV series re-telling the story of Jesus and his disciples. It will be Tuesdays at 7.30pm in the Community Room and joining with others across the team.

SACRISTANS – HELP NEEDED – In the past there were four couples sharing sacristan's duties but we now only have Chris and Pauline Watson and Pat Page. We would like to expand the team to lighten the load on them. Duties involve ensuring all items including candles, altar bread, wine, and linens are prepared for the Eucharist service, and offers a chance to learn more about what goes on in the vestry behind the scenes! Training would be given to anyone interested in learning what is involved. Please speak to one of the sacristans or church wardens if that sounds like something you could do.

The Seeds4Change project is planning for Spring.

We will be beginning our community vegetable growing with raised planters at the side of church and establishing a monthly gardening group for anyone who is interested to share their gardening know how, or to learn something new.

As the project develops, we hope to create wider links with our community and ensure that everyone can enjoy the greenspace that we have here. If anyone is interested, please contact Helen Raffle on 07962802193 or helenraffle@talktalk.net This is all possible with some generous funding from Faiths Forum for London

GREAT PARK EASTER EVENT - St Aidan's church have a table at this year's community centre event on Saturday 28th March between 10.30am - 1.30pm and we'd love to have a few volunteers around to chat to people and let them know a bit more about us, our services and activities. Please let Gerard or Janice know if you're able to come along.

EASTER FLOWERS – There are brown envelopes at the back of church for anyone wishing to donate towards flowers for church.

Living on God's Good Earth

March 2026: Sow Wild

Our flowers are gone from church for Lent, but outside the world is coming into bloom. And March is the perfect time to sow a wildflower patch! All you need is a bright, sunny spot and a little packet of wildflower seeds. There are some simple instructions available here:

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/lawns/how-to-sow-a-wildflower-patch>. Happy sowing

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 and Derek Marshall. The 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 especially in the Middle East. For our own national and political life

For those in need – Esther Wooler, Sue Bates, Christine Crompton, Charlie Bennett, Lindsay Miller, Marion Newitt, Joyce Richardson.

For those who have died, and, on their anniversaries, – Brenda Edwards, Brian Earnshaw, Donald Wright, Gladys Johnson, Katherine Brown.



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