



**The Team Parish of Christ the King  
St Aidan's Church Brunton Park  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
Easter Sunday**

Alleluia Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed Alleluia! These are the words that will open our Easter celebrations. This day is the most important in the year for Christians as we remember the very first Easter day, and the moment when everything changed. For Christ is risen from the dead; the tomb is empty; death is defeated and a new creation is begun. That very first Easter day, God's future broke into our present. The hope of our redemption was made concrete in Christ's victory. And Christians are called to live forever in the hope of this moment. Though the final healing of all things is yet to come, and we live in a world where sin and death still have their grip, we know their power to be broken. All that remains are the death throes of an already defeated enemy.

So this Easter day we celebrate with our alleluias, because God has shown the depth of his love as he would go to the cross for the sake of the world he loves; and God has shown the power of his love as death is swallowed up in victory, and sin's chains are forever broken. So shout your praise this happy day: Alleluia Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed Alleluia!

**Acts 10. 34 – 43**

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

## **John 20. 1 – 18**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' <sup>3</sup> Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. <sup>4</sup> The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup> and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup> They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' <sup>14</sup> When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

**TODAY**     6.00am: **Easter Vigil with renewal of baptismal vows**

                 9.30am **Easter Eucharist Family Communion**

**Rev'd Dr Hannah Malcolm will preside and Rev'd Gerard Rundell will preach**

## **THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Wed** 10.00am **BCP Midweek Eucharist with Rev'd Canon Jean Skinner**  
**Thurs** 2.00pm Community Room **Film Club 'Song for Marion'**  
**Sat** 10.00am **Saturday Café**  
**Sun** 9.30am **2nd Sunday of Easter Rev'd Canon Jean Skinner will preside and preach.**

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**Friday May 1<sup>st</sup> Beetle Drive**

**Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Christian Aid Week**

**Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> Christian Aid Big Breakfast - Community Room**

## **NOTICES**

TODAY'S SERVICE LINK <https://bit.ly/StAidans2026EasterDay>

**THANK YOU** – to all those who were able to deliver the Easter Cards to houses and local businesses in the community.

**FILM CLUB** – will this week be showing ' Song for Marion' with Terence Stamp, Gemma Arterton, Christopher Eccleston and Vanessa Redgrave. A heartwarming story about living life to the full. Grumpy pensioner Arthur is reluctantly persuaded by his wife to join her unconventional choir.

**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.

## Living on God's Good Earth: April

### Generous God

Some of you may know the offertory prayer used in lots of churches: 'all things come from you and of your own do we give you'. As the world springs into life, God's abundant generosity is easy to see. So, this month's challenge is to think about how we can be generous in response. What might we offer to help protect and restore God's many gifts to us? At Saturday Café this year, one of our chosen charities is Northumberland Wildlife Trust. Perhaps there is a similar charity or organisation you could support, as a way of giving thanks for all God's goodness.

### 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-** For all ministers serving across our deanery. Those on deanery synod. St Aidan's kid's group, after school club and youth group.

**For the community-** Manor House Bowmont House and Melton House

**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,** – Robert Allison, BobRay, David Johnson, Norman Barrit, Jean Brindley, Kenneth Johnson.



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