



Team Parish of Christ the King St Aidan's, Brunton Park Sunday 19th May 2024 Pentecost

This Sunday marks the feast of Pentecost. In our passage from John's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that it is good that he will leave them because then the Advocate – the Paraclete in the Greek, which can also be translated Helper, Comforter, Counsellor – can come. The Holy Spirit, this Advocate, is the presence of Christ with us in all places and through all time. The Holy Spirit is the voice of Christ continuing to speak to us, as we learn the truth of his words and follow his call. The Holy Spirit is the power of Christ at work within us to transform the world. As we celebrate this feast of Pentecost, perhaps we might ask how the Spirit is shaping our lives. How do we see the work of Christ changing us, and teaching us? And how do we see that work changing the world around us?

Acts 2.1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is

only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

John 15.26-27;16.4b-15

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them

'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.'

TODAY

9.30am: **Pentecost** Rev'd Gerard Rundell preaches and preaches

4.00pm: **Team Evensong** in church

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon-Fri 8.50am, Church: **Morning Prayer**

Wed 10.00am, Church: **BCP Midweek Eucharist**

Thurs 2.00pm, Community Room: **Chat and Craft**

Sat 10.00am: **Saturday Café**, Community Room

Sun 9.30am: **Trinity Sunday** Rev'd Ray Devenney presides and Mr Ken Newitt preaches. Readings: Isaiah 6.1-8, Romans 8.12-17 & John 3.1-17

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wed 5th 12.00pm: **Lunch Group**, Rugby Club

Sat 15th Jun TBC: **Summer Fair**, Church

Sat 22nd Jun All day: **Parish Away Day**, Alnmouth

NOTICES

SUNDAY SERVICE – today's service link is <https://bit.ly/StAidan2024Pentecost>

PARISH AWAY DAY - this year the parish away day will be in Alnmouth, 22nd June, 11am-4pm. We will gather at Alnmouth Friary, where Flo Nilsson will lead reflective sessions on prayer. Revd Gerard will offer games and activities for children on the beach. Refreshments provided, bring your own lunch (or enjoy a lovely lunch out!) To register your place (and help us plan lift sharing) please email Revd Hannah.

PRAY FOR YOUR STREET - between Ascension and Pentecost, Christians all over the world take part in a special week of prayer - Thy Kingdom Come. At St Aidan's we are joining in by committing to pray for the street we live on. Please pick up a prayer card at the back of church and use it to help you pray this week!

LUNCH GROUP - will meet at 12.00pm on Wednesday 5th June at the Rugby Club for a 12.30 pm lunch. Names to Pat or Pauline if you would like to join us.

TEAM EVENSONG – tonight, at St Aidan's when Rev'd Mark Edwards will preach as we celebrate Pentecost. Please do join with other members from across the team to pray and offer praise to God together.

INFORMATION PACKS– there are only a few remaining information packs, so if you'd like one please take one from the back of church.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK – thank you to everyone who has supported our Christian Aid week events and donated towards our fundraising. All collections from last Sunday and today will also be added to the money raised and we hope to be able to share the total amount with you next week.

FEEDBACK FORMS – if you have completed (or intend to complete) one of the feedback forms from the information packs, please could you put it in the box at the back of church. We'd really appreciate your comments and views about St Aidan's and the work we do.

ZOOM CODES – all our Zoom sessions will use only the following details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7573778713?pwd=NGVjcTRLQjBEaStqYjFDsm1KOURtQT09>

Meeting ID: 757 377 8713 Passcode: StAidan

BOOKING ZOOM MEETINGS: if you would like to use the St Aidan's Zoom account for a church meeting, please contact Janice

FOOD BANK – any items placed in the box at the back of church will be donated to Kenton Foodbank.

PLANNED GIVING - If you would like to set up a regular financial gift to support St Aidan's please click on the following link

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/brunton-park-st-aidan-newcastle-upon-tyne>

For Our Prayers: St Aidan's Cycle of Prayer

For the church - Diocesan office staff and diocesan advisers. Readers Ken Newitt and Chris Sayers and Authorised Minister Bernie Troughton

For the community – businesses on the Great Park

For the world – all countries facing hardship and conflict. For our own national and political life

For those in need - Esther Wooler, Martin Seaton, Bill Yeaman, Sue Bates

For those who have died – and on their anniversaries: Frank Dockar, Lindon Churnside, Edith Watson, Derrick Phillipson, Eva Turner, Freda Sharp, Helen Newton, John Clasper, Richard Raper, Norman Taylor, Mary Palgrave

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