



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

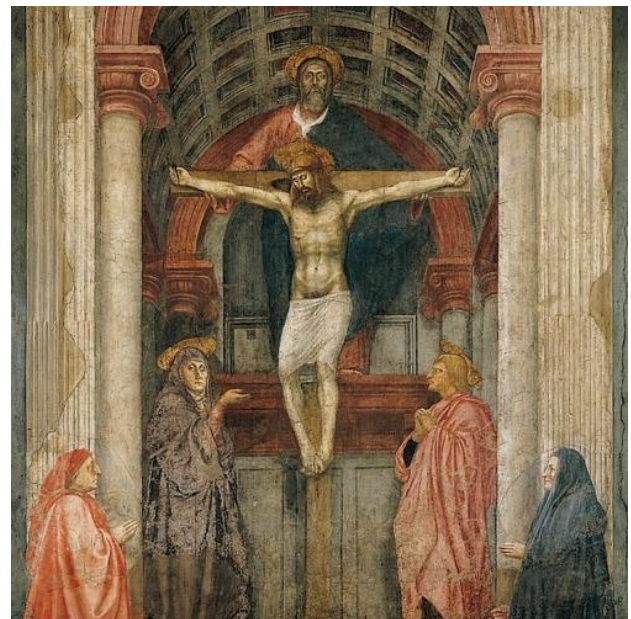
Sunday 26th May 2024

Trinity Sunday

Today, Trinity Sunday, with its tradition that the sermon expounds the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, presents something of a challenge – for the congregation as well as the preacher! What do we make of the fact that the God we worship is three persons in one, Father, Son and Holy Spirit? There's plenty of opportunity to get tied up in a knot (itself a trinitarian symbol). Yet Trinity Sunday pulls together all the times and seasons of the church year – Advent, Christmas and Epiphany bringing us the Son who reveals to us who the Father is; Holy Week and Easter showing us the full extent of his love for us; and Ascension and Pentecost releasing the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Three-in-One is in the end a mystery that we can never fully comprehend, but one that contains a deep truth that we can begin to apprehend and respond to in faith and action. Priest and poet Malcolm Guite, puts it like this in his sonnet Trinity Sunday:

In the Beginning, not in time and space,
But in the quick before both space and time,
In Life, in Love, in co-inherent Grace,
In three in one and one in three, in rhyme,
In music, in the whole creation story,
In His own image, His imagination,
The Triune Poet makes us for his Glory,
And makes us each the other's inspiration.
He calls us out of darkness, chaos, chance,
To improvise a music of our own,
To sing the chord that calls us to the dance,
Three notes resounding from a single tone,
To sing the End in whom we all begin;
Our God, beyond, beside us, and within.



Isaiah 6.1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.'

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

John 3.1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.'

Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

TODAY

9.30am: **Trinity Sunday** Rev'd Ray Devenney presides and Mr Ken Newitt preaches

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 1 Family Service**, Rev'd Gerard Rundell & Rev'd Dr Hannah Malcolm lead as Rev'd Rundell preaches from 1 Samuel 3.1-10 [11-20]; 2 Corinthians 4.5-12 and Mark 2.23 - 3.6

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Mon 3rd 7.30pm: **Bible Study**, via Zoom

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

Thurs 6th 8.00pm: **Men's Group**, Community Room

Thurs 13th 2.00pm: **Film Club**, Community Room

Sat 15th Jun 2-4pm: **Summer Fair**, Church

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

NOTICES

SUNDAY SERVICE – today's service link is <https://bit.ly/StAidan2024Trinity>

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.

COMMUNITY CENTRE AGM – will be held on Wednesday 26th June at 7.00pm. Please come along to support our local centre if you can.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK – we raised a fantastic £3465.56 from our Christian Aid week events and donations. Thank you to everyone you supported our fundraising, it is very much appreciated.

THURSDAY GROUPS – you may notice in the coming weeks that we are publicising our social groups, please spread the word to anyone you may know who would like to come along. We will also be re-starting our third Thursday of the month group – now called 'Friends Having Fun' where there will be music from the 40' – 70's, games, chat and more.

THY KINGDOM COME - Pray For Your Street – it's not too late to pick up a prayer card from the back of church and use it to help you pray this week for the street we live on. Remember to mark our map.

JOB ALERT – St Aidan's Church, St Columba's Church and Church in the Park are seeking a Children and Families Worker. If you know anyone who would be interested please ask them to visit [Children & Families Worker \(Christ the King\) - Newcastle Diocese \(anglican.org\)](#)

FEEDBACK FORMS – we are hoping to collate our feedback forms soon, if you haven't yet returned yours, but would like to, (we'd really appreciate your comments) then please pop it in the box at the back of church.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP - please could you note that the Bible study group will not be meeting tomorrow (Monday), but will resume in June with a study of the Acts of the Apostles.

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 - Christ the King Team Parish, PCC members and officers. Moira and Kathryn, and all who enhance our services by their playing or singing

For the community – West End Refugee Service

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: Bill Mead, Althea Kirkbridge, Joshua Shone, Jean Roylance

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