



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

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024  
Trinity 7

Our Bible readings today are linked by dancing, though in very different contexts. King David danced before the Lord to celebrate bringing the Ark of the Covenant, the symbol of God's presence on this earth that contained the two tablets of stone with the Ten Commandments, to his capital city Jerusalem. It was a moment of joy and blessing for the people of Israel. Salome danced before King Herod to celebrate his birthday, but with a very different outcome – not joy and blessing but the gruesome death of John the Baptist.

Sixty years ago, Sydney Carter wrote what he called a carol, I danced in the morning when the world was begun, much criticised at the time, but now his much-loved hymn Lord of the Dance. Without actually naming Jesus, it both celebrates the joy and blessings he brought in his life and also takes in his gruesome death on the cross. But its final verse proclaims that his death is not the end – God's love never dies and his ultimate triumph over evil is assured in the resurrection of Jesus.

They cut me down  
And I leapt up high;  
I am the life  
That'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you  
If you'll live in me –  
I am the Lord  
Of the Dance, said he.

## **2 Samuel 6.1-5,12b-19**

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

### **Mark 6.14-29**

King Herod heard of the healings and other miracles, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the Baptist.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to

give me at once the head of John the Baptizer on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

## **TODAY**

9.30am: **Trinity 7** Rev'd Gerard Rundell 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: **Friend Having Fun**

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

11.00am: Kids Summer Celebration, **Church**

**Sun** 9.30am: **Trinity 8** Rev'd Gerard Rundell presides and preaches from 2 Samuel 7.1-14a, Ephesians 2.11-22 and Mark 6.30-34,53-56

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Jul 2.00pm: **Chat and Craft**, Community Room

Wed 31<sup>st</sup> 12pm: **Reception Year Teddy Bear's Picnic**, St Aidan's Green (in church depending upon weather)

## **NOTICES**

**SUNDAY SERVICE** – today's service link is <https://bit.ly/StAidan2024Trinity7>

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP** – tomorrow, Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July will be the last study group before breaking for summer.

**NEW ROTA'S** – the new rotas for Saturday café and Sunday morning refreshments are now ready to be completed. If you can help, please enter your details for the dates you are available.

**KIDS SUMMER CELEBRATION** – on Saturday, 11am-1pm. We have some brilliant games and crafts planned and there'll be a story and food too. A fantastic start to the summer holidays. Please share the word.

**FARMERS MARKET** – will be held on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July between 10am and 12pm at All Saint's Church, Gosforth.

**FRIENDS HAVING FUN** – we had a great afternoon at our first get together last month. Card games featured highly as we played pontoon and Uno (there are other activities too) and the foot tapping songs were very much enjoyed. There's a VERY special prize for the winner of Bingo and also a cuppa and good conversation. It would be great to see you on Thursday at 2pm in the Community Room to join in the fun.

**RECEPTION YEAR TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC** – if you know any families who have a child starting reception in September, please tell them about our event on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July between 12pm and 1.30pm. They'll need to bring a teddy and packed lunch. It's a great opportunity to spend some time with their new school friends while enjoying a few easy games and songs.

**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** – items placed in the food box 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** - Churches in our Deanery: Gosforth Parishes. DCC members and officers

**For the community** – Snakes & Ladders Playgroup, Brunton Babies, Nursery & Toddler Groups

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

**For those being baptised** – Ethan and Emilia

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

**For those who have died** – Mavis Clarehuge and on their anniversaries: John Williams, Alan Davenport, Billy Cullen, Howard Cleeve

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