



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

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2024**  
**Trinity 9**

In our lectionary we are having a break from the Gospel of Mark and we have John chapter 6 for a 5 week period. The chapter is meant to be read as a whole but, in order to look at it more fully it has been divided into sections. The whole gospel has a very different feel to the other three gospels.

John's Gospel has several references to 'Sign's' and in today's Gospel there are two references. Both are associated with Miracles.

Signage is very important in many aspects of our life, along a highway, in a city or town as you try to find your way, in an airport as you connect to your next flight, in an office building as you locate the office you want to do some business in, a park as you seek the desired hiking trail, a grocery store as you search for the baking supplies. We use them in lots of ways to orientate ourselves in physical space and navigate from place to place. However it is so easy to miss a sign, or worse still to misinterpret them.

Misinterpreting sign's is at the heart of the Gospel reading for today.

The crowds following Jesus wanted to make him king, but that is not why he came. He didn't come to save them from the Romans, he came to save them from themselves. The Romans were their neighbours and Jesus taught them and us to Love our neighbour.

Interpreting what the Signs mean can be difficult. The best example I have come across as an explanation of Sign is:

They are the moments when Jesus took the things of this world to open up a window into the world of eternity. They were not symbolic actions, though laden with symbolism. Jesus didn't like it when people tried to interpret them symbolically. They were moments when the hiddenness of God broke through into the open. But only visible to those who wanted to see it that way.

## **2 Samuel 11.1-15**

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the

roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, 'This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite.' So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, 'I am pregnant.' So David sent word to Joab, 'Send me Uriah the Hittite.' And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, 'Go down to your house, and wash your feet.' Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, 'Uriah did not go down to his house,' David said to Uriah, 'You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?' Uriah said to David, 'The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing.' Then David said to Uriah, 'Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back.' So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house. In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, 'Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die.'

### **John 6.1-21**

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Jesus, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make

the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.' When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

## **TODAY**

9.30am: **Trinity 9** Rev'd Canon Jean Skinner presides and preaches

## **THE WEEK AHEAD**

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

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

12.00pm, St Aidan's Green: **Reception Year Teddy Bear's Picnic**

**Thurs** 2.00pm, Community Room: **Prayer and Praise**

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

**Sun** 9.30am: **Family Service** Rev'd Gerard Rundell leads our Transfiguration service with reading from 2 Samuel 11.26 - 12.13a Ephesians 4.1-16 and John 6.24-35

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Aug 2.00pm: **Film Club – Barbie**, Community Room

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Aug 12.00pm: **Lunch Group**, Northern Rugby Club

## **NOTICES**

**SUNDAY SERVICE** – today's service link is <https://bit.ly/StAidan2024Trinity9>

**BEN AND RUTH LEAVING** – the final Sunday that Ben and Ruth will be with us will be Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August. Please come along and join us, then stay after the service for light refreshments to say your 'goodbyes'. They will both be a huge miss to St Aidan's.

**REV'D GERARD ANNUAL LEAVE** – please note that Gerard will begin his annual leave on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August, and will return to work on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August.

**LUNCH GROUP** - will meet on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 12.00pm for a 12.30pm meal at the Rugby Club. Please see Pat or Pauline if you would like to join us.

**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: Centre of Newcastle Parishes and City Centre Chaplaincy. Sidespeople, our Saturday Café, and all involved in our ministry of welcome.

**For the community** – Uniformed Groups

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

**For those being baptised** - Leo and Maya

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

**For those who have died** – Mavis Clarehuge and on their anniversaries: Rob Brydon, Maureen Strike, Kate Clarke, Mary Brookbanks, Peter Mearns. Jennifer Long

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