

Team Parish of Christ the King St Aidan's, Brunton Park Sunday 4th August 2024 Transfiguration

The feast of the Transfiguration marks a moment in Jesus' life where the mystery of who he truly is shines into the world, even if only for a few short moments. As Jesus is Transfigured before the disciples eyes, they're not seeing something new. This is something that has been there all along, they just couldn't see it. In a brief moment of revelation they see a glimpse of the fulness of heaven's glory. But in reality nothing about Jesus changes in the Transfiguration, the only thing that changes is that the disciples can see the truth of who he is.

And I wonder if the same is true of us, and the way we see our world. Do we see material reality, and assume that's all there is? Or do we, from time to time, see the light of heaven shining through it? Do we see another, brighter reality waiting to break into our sightline? Perhaps this morning, Jesus Transfiguration reminds us to search, with eyes of faith, for the sight of heaven breaking into our day-to-day world.

2 Peter 1.16-19

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

Luke 9.28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' Peter did not know what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

TODAY

9.30am: **Transfiguration** Rev'd Gerard Rundell leads our family service.

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: Film Club - Barbie

Sat 10.00am, Community Room: Saturday Café

Sun 9.30am: **Trinity 11** Rev'd Hannah Malcolm and Rev'd Ben Pullan

preside and preach with reading from 2 Samuel 18.5-9,15,31-33;

Ephesians 4.25 - 5.2 and John 6.35,41-51

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wed 14th Aug 12.00pm: **Lunch Group**, Northern Rugby Club Thurs 15th Aug 2.00pm: **Friends Having Fun**, Community Room

Sat 14th Sept TBC: Church Open Day, Church

NOTICES

SUNDAY SERVICE – today's service link is https://bit.ly/StAidan2024Trinity10

BEN AND RUTH LEAVING – next Sunday, 11th August will be the final Sunday that Ben and Ruth will be with us. 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.

BEN'S ARTWORK – on his last weekend, Ben will be displaying some of his artwork in the Community Room. If you are interested in any pieces please help yourself and make a donation to the charities supported through the Saturday morning cafe.

CHURCH CLEANER – we are very grateful to our cleaner Lorraine, who has kept our church clean and tidy for many years. However, Lorraine now feels the time is right to leave. If you know anyone who might like to take over the cleaning duties (usually on Friday's) please contact a church warden to discuss further.

ALPHA – we will be running another Alpha group this autumn. We explore faith over a meal and open conversation, and it is ideal for anyone who wants to learn about Christianity or deepen their faith. Please consider if there is anyone you know who might like to come along. Information packs will be available nearer the time

IVONIA – our sponsor girl, Ivonia has turned 8. We sent her a birthday card, and now we'd like to create a photo story for her. If you are able to share a photo around animals, special places or seasons please email them with a short sentence to the administrator (email below). It can be very simple – a view from your window, a day out, a sunset – anything at all – it will all be interesting and exciting to Ivonia.

FILM CLUB – on Thursday (8th August) will be showing Barbie, the huge blockbuster from last year. Barbie and Ken get a chance to go to the real world, and soon discover the joys and perils of living among humans. Starring Margot Robbie and Ryan Gosling.

REV'D GERARD ANNUAL LEAVE – please note that Gerard is on annual leave between Monday 5th August and Tuesday 27th August.

LUNCH GROUP - will meet on Wednesday 14th 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: Jesmond Parishes. Local Ministry Group and Pastoral Care Group, Eco church Group and Social Committee For the community – Brunton Park Medical Centre, local shops and businesses

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, Lindsay Miller

For those who have died – and on their anniversaries: Elizabeth Bibby, Frank Tinlin, Bill Robinson, Eva Hows, Brenda Short, Jane Dockar, Belle Allen, Penny Graham, Maureen Rhind, Rebecca Cleugh, John Blackman, Henry McGray

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