



Team Parish of Christ the King St Aidan's Brunton Park Sunday 22nd September 2024 Trinity 17

In our Gospel passage, Jesus' continues to teach on the theme of this upside-down world shaped by the way of the cross, but the disciples still don't get it. On the way to Capernaum they're arguing about who is the greatest among them. To teach them a better way Jesus offers a surprising image. He takes a child and holds it in his arms and says: 'whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me'.

We miss the shock on this action. Children, to ancient society, were non-entities. They were objects to be cared for by women until they were old enough to become interesting. But Jesus insists that to welcome a vulnerable, powerless, status-less child, is to welcome him. Jesus continues to turn the world upside as he give value, dignity, and worth even to a child who has nothing to offer others. Maybe, as we gather in Jesus' name, we should ask how we welcome the child in our midst. Do we give them the value, dignity and worth that Jesus does? Do we welcome Jesus in a child in our midst, and in all those who share a child's vulnerability?

James 3.13 - 4.3,7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Mark 9.30-37

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

TODAY

9.30am: **Trinity 17** Rev'd Gerard Rundell presides and 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, Community Room: **Saturday Café**

10.30am, Church: **Kids Zone Baby and Toddler Group**

Sun 9.30am: **Michaelmas** Rev'd Gerard Rundell presides and Rev'd Hannah Malcolm preaches with readings from Esther 7.1-6,9,10; 9.20-22, James 5.13-20 and Mark 9.38-50

4.00pm: **Team Evensong 'St Michael & All Angels'**, St Columba's

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wed 2nd Oct 12.00pm: **Lunch Club**, Northern Rugby Club

Thurs 3rd Oct 2.00pm: **Prayer and Praise**, Community Room
8.00pm: **Men's Group**, Northern Football Club

Sun 6th Oct 9.30am: **Harvest Thanksgiving Family Service**

Wed 10th Oct 7.45pm: **Alpha**, Community Room

Wed 16th Oct 7.30am: **DCC**, Church

Fri 25th Oct 3.00pm: **Family Fun Event**, Church

NOTICES

SUNDAY SERVICE – today's service link is <https://bit.ly/StAidans2024Trinity17>

GAZA APPEAL – today we are collecting donations for Christian Aid towards the Gaza Crisis. Along with their partners they have so far helped 800,000 people by working tirelessly, under intense and dangerous conditions, to deliver life-saving medical care, food and shelter. You can make a donation by either cash, card, using the following link or QR code. Many thanks. <https://givealittle.co/c/gazaappeal>



ALPHA – will start on Thurs 10th Oct at 7.45pm in the community room and will run for 6 sessions. We share a hot meal while exploring faith. Please take an envelope from the back of church with information about Alpha, a letter of invitation and details about our social and family events to pass on to anyone who might be interested. Have a look at the contents yourself to see what it's about – you may decide Alpha is for you too. And even if you can't make it, please pray, it makes a huge difference!

CHURCH CLEANER – we are very happy to share the news that our new church cleaner is Emma who started working with us this week.

DIGGING AND PLANTING! – following the digging our new French drain behind church, our next step is to make a little wetland garden in front of it. Morrisons has very kindly donated some compost and we'd love help with adding it to the soil tomorrow (Monday 23rd September) and putting in some new water-loving plants (Sunday 29th September, 10.30am). Please send a message to Rev. Hannah if you'd like to come and join: 07938433910

NATIONAL PRAYER DAY FOR SCHOOLS, FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER – If your heart is open and concerned for children and the environment in which they learn, then we encourage you to pray. Please take the prayer sheet and consider finding time on the 27 September to pray for our local schools - it really does make a difference!

TEAM EVENSONG – Join with the rest of the team at 4pm on Sunday 29th at St Columba's church for our next Team Evensong. Please come and support the wider team in you're able.

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 – Sacred Heart RC and St John's URC. Retired clergy: Christine Crompton, Ray Devenney and Jean Skinner people.

For the community – Christian Aid, the Children's Society, and other charities supported by the church and the Saturday café

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, Lindsay Miller, Sheila Lonie, Christine Crompton.

For those who have died – and on their anniversaries: Ann Clinton, Elsie Royce, Sheila Fawcett, Stanley King, Sheila Stephenson



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