



Today's gospel reading concludes our journey over the last six weeks through the central section of Mark's gospel, starting in Galilee with Peter's acknowledgement of Jesus as Messiah and ending today on the approach to Jerusalem. In contrast to Jesus' public ministry in the first part of Mark's gospel, with its numerous miracles and teaching of the crowds, this section concentrates on Jesus' private teaching of his disciples: what it means for him to be a servant Messiah and what that means for them as his followers.

The disciples really don't get it. They don't just misunderstand Jesus, they get it wrong in what they say and do, spectacularly so in the case of James and John in today's gospel, though the rest of the twelve in their response don't do much better.

It's easy for us with hindsight to be critical of the disciples, and almost as easy to recognise that down the centuries Jesus' followers – individual Christians and the Church as an institution – have often got it just as spectacularly wrong. Rather less easy to acknowledge that those of us who read Mark today still get it wrong. 'It is not so among you' is a message not just to the twelve and to Mark's church but to all who follow him. But we're in good company when we fail or make mistakes as disciples of Jesus. The good news is that he doesn't give up on us and wants to restore and use us, however often we get it wrong.

### **Hebrews 5:1-10**

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

'You are my Son,

today I have begotten you';

as he says also in another place,

'You are a priest for ever,

according to the order of Melchizedek.'

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

### **Mark 10:35-45**

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.' When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

### **TODAY**

9.30am: **Trinity Last** Rev'd Dr Hannah Malcolm presides as 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**  
7.45pm, Community Room: **Alpha**

**Fri** 3.00pm, Church: **Halloween Family Fun Event**

**Sat** 10.00am, Community Room: **Childrens Society Coffee Morning**  
10.30am, Church: **NO Kids Zone Baby and Toddler Group**

**Sun** 9.30am: **Bible Sunday** Rev'd Gerard Rundell presides and preaches with readings from Isaiah 55.1-11; 2 Timothy 3.14 - 4.5 & John 5.36b-47

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Thurs 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	11.00am: <b>Funeral Service of Alan Dey</b> , Church
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	7.00pm: <b>All Souls Service</b> , Church
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	7.30pm: <b>In Conversation with Katherine Rundell</b> , Church
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.00am: <b>Christ the King Team Service with Bishop Helen Ann</b>
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.00am: <b>Christmas Fayre</b> , Church

**NOTICES** - today's service link is <https://bit.ly/StAidan2024Trinity21>

**CHAT AND CRAFT** – everyone is welcome to join our crafters and chatters on Thursday. Spread the word about this lovely, welcoming group.

**ALL SOULS SERVICE** – will be held on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 7.00pm to commemorate those dearly departed. To have the name of a loved one read out during the service, please add their name to the list at the back of church. Names from previous years will not automatically be read out. If you are unable to add the name yourself, please contact the Administrator or a church warden who will add the name on your behalf.

**IN CONVERSATION WITH KATHERINE RUNDELL** – 'The Life of an Author'. Find out what it's like to be an author of both successful children's and adult books. We hope this will start a series of talks at St Aidan's, so save the date, tell your friends, and come along!

**ALAN DEY** – it is with sadness that we share the news that Alan passed away on Monday. His funeral will be held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 11am in church followed by a private committal at 12pm at the crematorium. Please hold Alan's family in your prayers as they mourn his loss.

**CHRISTIAN AID GAZA APPEAL** – thank you to everyone who donated toward this appeal, which raised £400.

**HALLOWEEN FAMILY FUN EVENT** – share the news that our next family event will be held on Friday (25<sup>th</sup> October) at 3pm. We've arranged some fantastic games and crafts, and along with a story and tea, we're also going to hold a mini disco. It'll be the place to be – spread the word.

**CHILDREN'S SOCIETY COFFEE MORNING** – our annual fund-raising coffee morning and opening of the boxes will be held on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October during Saturday café.

**ALPHA** – has started, but there's still time for you to join us on Thursday's at 7.45pm in the community room. We enjoy a hot meal while exploring faith. Even if you can't make it, please pray, it makes a huge difference!

**YOUTH GROUP CATHEDRAL EVENT** – is being held on Friday (25th Oct) at Newcastle Cathedral between 6.30-8.30pm. It's called 'Light Night' and will be amazing as this joint youth event has the whole cathedral set aside for themselves with food, games, activities and a chance to think about what it means to be lights in the world. We can arrange lifts from St Aidan's. If you know a young person who would like to come along please get in touch so we can share the sign up link.

**SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOEBOXES** - it's that time of the year again! You can prepare a Christmas shoebox that will be sent by Samaritan's Purse to other parts of the world. Your shoebox gifts will bring joy and hope to children around the world, in ways that are truly life-changing. Box by box, hearts are touched, and life by life, hope is sparked through the Gospel message. Information leaflets and boxes are available at the back of church - share the Gospel with children around the World.

**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: Fawdon, Kenton and Kingston Park Parishes. Our mid-week prayer groups and those leading them. **For the community** – Great Park Consortium and ongoing development of the Great Park Town Centre. **For the world** – all countries facing hardship and conflict. For our own national and political life

**Baptism** – for those being baptised; Carlos

**For those in need** – Esther Wooler, Martin Seaton, Bill Yeaman, Sue Bates, Lindsay Miller, Sheila Lonnie, Christine Crompton, Alan Vout

**For those who have died** – Alan Dey, and on their anniversaries: Richard Page, Andrew Quinn, Thomas Atkinson

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