



# Team Parish of Christ the King St Aidan's Brunton Park Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2024 Harvest Festival

The Church's annual Harvest celebration celebrates the abundance of God's creation – the gift of the seasons, the soil, the people, the animals, all working together in a world that offers plenty of food for everyone. Our reading from Joel is a beautiful picture of this abundant flourishing – the harvest demonstrates God's goodness to and love for us.

Even though we have all this abundance, it is all too easy to spend our time worrying about ourselves and what we have. In this country we are worried about the appearance of our food, the variety of our food, the shelf-life of our food, the stocks of our food. So even though we have more than enough to eat, more than enough to share, we end up throwing a lot of food away, wasting the gifts of God. In our gospel reading Jesus has a message for us about our priorities: Look at the abundance of the world, he says. The creatures of the field, the birds of the air, the wildflowers – God is so generous that they all have plenty to eat. There is plenty here for all of you. So, stop worrying so much about what you will eat, what you will wear. Change your priorities. Pursue God's righteousness instead. Live simply. Give thanks. If you do, you will find there is enough for everyone. As we celebrate the gift of the harvest today, Jesus says to us: Don't worry. Live simply. And give thanks.

## **Joel 2.21-27**

Do not fear, O soil;

be glad and rejoice,

for the Lord has done great things!

Do not fear, you animals of the field,

for the pastures of the wilderness are green;

the tree bears its fruit,

the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

O children of Zion, be glad

and rejoice in the Lord your God;

for he has given the early rain[a] for your vindication,

he has poured down for you abundant rain,

the early and the later rain, as before.

The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,

the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,  
and praise the name of the Lord your God,  
who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be  
put to shame.

### **Matthew 6.25-33**

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

### **TODAY**

9.30am: **Harvest Thanksgiving Family Service** including communion. Rev'd Gerard Rundell leads as Rev'd Hannah Malcolm preaches

### **THE WEEK AHEAD**

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

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

**Thurs** 2.00pm, Community Room: **Film Club – 'Lion'**

7.45pm, Community Room: **Alpha**

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

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

**Sun** 9.30am: **Trinity 20** Rev'd Gerard Rundell presides as Mr Bernie Troughon leads with readings from Job 23.1-9,16,17, Hebrews 4.12-16 & Mark 10.17-31

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	7.30am: <b>DCC</b> , Church
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	6.00pm: <b>Beetle Drive</b> , Church
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	3.00pm: <b>Halloween Family Fun Event</b> , Church
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	7.00pm: <b>All Souls Service</b> , Church
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.00am: <b>Christ the King Team Service with Bishop Helen Ann</b>

## **NOTICES**

**SUNDAY SERVICE** – today's service link is <https://bit.ly/StAidans2024Harvest>

**HARVEST FESTIVAL** – our donations this year will again go to the People's Kitchen and Kenton Foodbank. Following our service we will be holding a 'Sell by date breakfast' – expect a mix of hot and continental options provided by Morrisons Great Park.

**FILM CLUB** – this week will show 'Lion' - a true story of a 5 year old boy who gets lost on a train in India. Years later after being adopted he searches for his birth family.

**BEETLE DRIVE** – will be held on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm. It's ideal for all ages and great family fun. Supper will be take-out pizza, served with salad, coleslaw, tea, coffee or juice. £10 per person. The sign-up sheet and pizza choice is at the back of church.

**ALPHA** – will start on Thursday at 7.45pm in the community room. Running for 6 sessions, we will share a hot meal while exploring faith. Envelopes at the back of church have information about Alpha, please take one for yourself or anyone who might be interested. Even if you can't make it, please pray, it makes a huge difference!

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING** - thank you to everyone who donated towards and supported Susan and Ann's coffee morning, raising funds for Macmillan Toon Angels. They raised a fantastic total of £365.

**CHILDREN NORTH EAST** – have arranged a fundraising walk along the coastline of Whitley Bay and Tynemouth in solidarity with local babies, children, young people and families on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November between 10am - 1pm. The following link gives more details if you are interested:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/walk-with-children-north-east-raise-funds-and-awareness-tickets-925249856227>

**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** – St Nicholas' Cathedral. Churchwardens and all involved in looking after our building.

**For the community** – Groups using our Community Room and the Community Centre

**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: Norman Wilson, Sheila Jones, Pat McIntyre, Ann Craig, Diane Beavers, Amy Cook, Mollie Rickaby, Sheila Fawcett, Ernest Terry, Denis Jockelson

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