



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

**Sunday 10th November 2024
Remembrance Sunday**

Remembrance Sunday feels a strange contrast to last Sunday's celebration of All Saints Day, when we gave thanks that the light of God conquers darkness. On the eve of the First World War, the British Foreign Secretary Sir Edward Grey told a friend; "The lamps are going out all over Europe, we shall not see them lit again in our lifetime". In this season of celebrating the light of heaven, we stop to remember the suffering, the sacrifice, the darkness of war. But Remembrance Sunday isn't only about remembering these dark times in the past. It is also an invitation to think again about the future. Our readings from scripture focus on this opportunity to think differently. They are both passages about a change of path, a response to God's call to repent. To our ears, 'repentance' can sound an odd, outdated word. But the root of 're-pent' simply and literally means 'think again'. On Remembrance Sunday, we recall the suffering, the sacrifice, the darkness that war brings, and we also look for the light. We take the time to think again, to repent, to commit to a future of peace.

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Mark 1:14-20

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

TODAY

9.30am: **Remembrance Service** Rev'd Gerard Rundell presides as Rev'd Dr Hannah Malcolm preaches.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tues-Fri 8.55am, Church: **Morning Prayer**

Mon 10.50am, outside church: **Act of Remembrance**

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

Thurs 2.00pm, Community Room: **Film Club – To Olivia**

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

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

Sun 9.30am: **Two Before Advent** Rev'd Canon Jean Skinner presides and preaches with readings from Daniel 12.1-3; Hebrews 10.11-14 [15-18] 19-25; Mark 13.1-8 (Gerard at St Columba's)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thurs 21st Nov 2.00pm: **Friends Having Fun**: Community Room

Sat 23rd Nov 7.30pm: **In Conversation with Katherine Rundell**, Church

Sun 24th Nov 10.00am: **Christ the King Team Service with Bishop Helen Ann**

Wed 27th Nov 12.00pm: **Lunch Group**, Rugby Club

Sun 30th Nov 10.00am: **Christmas Fayre**, Church

NOTICES - today's service link is <https://bit.ly/StAidansRemembrance2024>

SHOEBOX APPEAL – just a reminder that we need your filled shoeboxes by Friday 15th November please, so that they can be delivered to the warehouse.

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!

LAPTOP – our administrator has managed to over work the church laptop and now neither she nor the computer are being very productive. Have you recently upgraded your laptop and would you be willing to donate your old one to church? We would be very grateful.

BILL YEAMAN – it is with sadness that we shared the news last week Bill has died. Please keep Bill’s family and friends in your prayers at this sad time.

SHARED CHRISTMAS CARDS – this year we will have a community Christmas card board, where we write one card and attach it to the board for everyone in church. The board will be ready at the start of December. Donations in lieu of buying cards will go to our Christmas charities which are Children North East and Christian Aid.

DIPPING COMMUNION WAFERS IN WINE – we have made the decision to stop the practice of dipping communion wafers into the wine chalice. This has always been discouraged by the Church of England as it is known to increase the risk of spreading infections. Receiving just the bread is a full participation in communion if you don’t want to drink from the cup.

TEA ROTA – the list is at the back of church for anyone able to help with Saturday café or Sunday morning teas. Please add your name if you are able to help.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE – will be held on Saturday 30th November 10am – 12pm. Along with refreshments we’ll have a bottle stall, tombola, raffle, toy stall, Christmas stall and for the first time Santa will be visiting our grotto with one of his elves. Donations would be very much appreciated and can be placed in the boxes at the back of church. Cakes on the day please.

FILM CLUB – on Thursday will show ‘To Olivia’ – the true story about the tumultuous marriage between actress Patricia Neal and renowned writer Roald Dahl, starring Hugh Bonneville and Keeley Hawes.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY COFFEE MORNING – thank you to everyone who attended our fundraiser last weekend or donated on Sunday. We raised a total of £200.

WHITE RIBBON DAY SERVICES – will be held on Sat 23rd November 2.30pm at Trinity Church, Gosforth and Sat 7th December 2.30pm at Trinity Methodist Church, Hexham. These short, gentle services consider the global problem of violence against women and girls and domestic abuse and include an exhibition of artwork, light refreshments and people on hand should you need to talk to someone after the service.

Living on God's good earth

November 2024: A green energy future

Did you know that last month the UK became the first major economy to stop producing coal power? As we give thanks for the past and look to a green energy future, all of us can get involved. It has never been easier or cheaper to switch to a green energy supplier. If you're looking for a starting point, the experts at 'Which?' have awarded Octopus Energy, Ecotricity, and Good Energy the title of 'Eco Provider' in 2024. Here at St Aidan's, we use Octopus Energy!

For Our Prayers: St Aidan's Cycle of Prayer

For the church – For all ministers serving across our deanery, those on deanery synod. St Aidan's kids' group, baby and toddler group, and youth group

For the community – Manor House, Bowmont House and Melton House

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

For those in need – Esther Wooler, Martin Seaton, Sue Bates, Lindsay Miller, Sheila Lonie, Christine Crompton, Alan Vout.

For those who have died – Alan Dey and Bill Yeaman, and on their anniversaries: Kathleen Everitt, Nancy Middleton, Margaret McKey, David Wilson, James Toward, John Smith, Doreen Chinnery, Ian Churnside, Jim MacIntyre, Colin Dunlevy

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