



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

**Sunday 17th November 2024
Second before Advent**

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 To our ears, 'repentance' can sound an odd, outdated word.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 in the Bible 're-pent' simply means 'turn back' or '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 repent, to change course, to commit to a future of peace.

Daniel 12.1-3

In the third year of King Cyrus a word was revealed to Daniel. 'At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.'

Mark 13.1-8

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will

be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.'

TODAY

9.30am: **Two Before Advent** Rev'd Canon Jean Skinner presides and preaches (Gerard at St Columba's)

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

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

Thurs 2.00pm, Community Room: **Friends Having Fun**

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

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

7.30pm, Church: **In Conversation with Katherine Rundell**

Sun 10.00am: **Festival of Christ the King** Bishop Helen Ann presides and preaches in this special service with readings from Daniel 7.9-10,13,14; and John 18.33-37

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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/StAidan2BeforeAdvent2024>

IN CONVERSATION WITH KATHERINE RUNDELL – 'The Life of an Author' is on Saturday. Bring along your friends to find out what it's like to be an author of both successful children's and adult books. We're sure Katherine will find time to sign a book or two if you'd like her to.

CHRIST THE KING TEAM SERVICE – next Sunday will be a gathering of the whole team and Bishop Helen Ann will join us to preside and preach. **Please note that this service starts at 10am.** Part of the service will include Gerard being re-installed and licensed (something of a formality, but one that needs doing). To

add to the celebration, we would like to offer additional refreshments after the service. There is a sign up sheet at the back of church for anyone who might like to bring along some scones, cakes or any other tasty treats.

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.

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.

FRIENDS HAVING FUN CLUB – the weather has cooled down, so come along for a warm welcome to play games, listen to music of the 50's-70's and make some new friends over a cuppa.

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 – Lena, Janice, all involved in family outreach events and work with children and young people. Bible Study, prayer groups, Eco church group.

For the community – Our sponsored child Ivonia. For her and her country Mozambique, facing serious threat from climate change. For the work of World Vision and the conservation and education work of Wild Impact in Mozambique.

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 – Bill Yeaman and on their anniversaries: Frank Hindmarsh, Norton Dunthorne, Molly Bilbrough, Robert Nicholson, William Russell, Colin Purvis, Thomas Purdy, Margaret Green, Rita Gillespie, Madeline Howard, Ronald Scott, Sylvia Haywood

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