

# St Aidan's Brunton Park Sunday 24th November 2024 Festival of Christ the King

Sunday celebrates the feast of Christ the King, which is the also the Patronal Festival of our Team Parish. It will be a joy to gather together as a whole team to mark the occasion and to welcome Bishop Helen-Ann to preach and preside, as well to re-licence Gerard.

The Feast of Christ the King is an occasion to remember that, whatever the trials our world faces, there is a King who rules over all things. He is a King unlike other Kings. His throne is a cross, and his crown is made of thorns. His reign is one of service and sacrifice rather than dominion and control. And yet this reign is the power that governs all of creation. This reign of love is the defining rule of the universe. So we offer our praise and worship, and we offer our lives and service to this King of Kings and Lord of Lords who is our saviour Jesus Christ.

### Daniel 7.9-10,13,14

and was presented before him.

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him. and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One

To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

#### John 18.33-37

Pilate asked Jesus, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

# **TODAY**

9.30am: Festival of Christ the King Bishop Helen Ann presides and

preaches

# THE WEEK AHEAD

Tues-Fri 8.55am, Church: Morning Prayer

Wed 10.00am, Church: BCP Midweek Eucharist

Wed 12.00pm: Rugby Club: Lunch Group

Thurs 2.00pm, Community Room: Chat and Craft 10.00am, Community Room: Saturday Cafe

10.30am, Church: No Kids Zone due to Christmas Fair

Sun 10.00am: Family Service for Advent Rev'd Gerard Rundell and

Rev'd Dr Hannah Malcolm lead our family service

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 12.00pm: **Mens Group Christmas Dinner (booking essential)** 

2.00pm: Prayer and Praise, Community Room

Sat 7th Dec 7.00pm: **Coquet Concert Band**, Church

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 7.30pm: **Carols with the Salvation Army**, Melbury Estate

Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 4.00pm: **Christingle**, Church

Sat 21st Dec: 7.00pm: **Festival of Carols**, Church

Tues 24th Dec: 4.30pm: Nativity, Church

11.30pm: Midnight Mass, Church

Wed 25th Dec: 9.30am: Christmas Eucharist, Church

NOTICES - today's service link is <a href="https://bit.ly/StAidanChristTheKing2024">https://bit.ly/StAidanChristTheKing2024</a>

**CHRIST THE KING TEAM SERVICE** – today we are joined by Bishop Helen Ann and during the service Gerard is being re-installed and licensed (something of a formality, but one that needs doing). After the service, please join us for refreshments in the community room.

**BIBLE STUDY** - will now be taking a break until the new year.

**BILL YEAMAN** - funeral will take place on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 12noon at the West Road Crematorium.

**BIRD FEEDERS** - Do you have any bird seed or bird peanuts at home which aren't going to use? We could do with some more for our church birds! Please drop them off in church or talk to Rev Hannah for more details.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE – will be held on Saturday (30<sup>th</sup> Nov 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. Please leave any donations before then in the boxes at the back of church. Cakes on the day please. We hope you see you all enjoying our fair next week.

CHAT AND CRAFT – the frost has arrived but though it may be cold outside, our community room is lovely and warm. Come along for a chat, and if you have any, bring your craft with you. A lovely way to spend the afternoon.

**SHARED CHRISTMAS CARDS** – remember to bring one card along to church and pin it on our community Christmas card board. No need to write anymore to anyone in church. Donations in lieu of buying cards will go to our Christmas charities which are Children North East and Christian Aid.

# 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** – Mark Edwards and St Cuthbert's and St Matthew's. St Columba's church and their future incumbent. Safeguarding officer Catherine, that our church would be a safe place for all.

**For the community** – Refugees and recent arrivals in our community, for all who have come to our city in search of safety and peace. For those in our community who are searching for God, that they would come to faith, those preparing for baptism.

**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: Ralph Pyke, Anne Havis, Brian Adair, Douglas Hunter, Margaret Wilkinson, Bill Burn

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