



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

**Sunday 3rd November 2024
All Saints**

This Sunday marks the feast of All Saints. It's a time to remember all those who have gone before us. Those who have run the race faithfully and received their crown of glory. Wherever we find ourselves in that race we can look to the Saints for inspiration and encouragement. So this morning we ask together what it is that makes a Saint. The church has recognised many of them but the line of saints stretches far further than those who are remembered with St before their name.

Our reading from Revelation 21 offers a picture of the final beauty of heaven, where Christ sits on the throne and wipes every tear from our eyes. Where death and mourning and crying are no more. Perhaps we could see the Saints as those who caught seen a glimpse of the beauty of that heavenly vision, who have let it fill their lives, and who have overflowed with it as they live out the grace of the heavenly kingdom in the world. Perhaps we can also ask whether we want to join the ranks of the Saints, filled to overflowing with Christ's loving grace.

'Oh how I want to be in the number, when the saints go marching in.'

Revelation 21.1-6

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

John 11.32-44

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

TODAY

9.30am: **All Saints Family Service** lead by Rev'd Gerard Rundell

7.00pm: **All Souls Service**

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

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

Thurs 2.00pm, Community Room: **Prayer and Praise**

8.00pm, Community Room: **Mens Group**

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

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

Sun 9.30am: **Remembrance Service** Rev'd Gerard Rundell presides as Rev'd Dr Hannah Malcolm preaches with readings from Jonah 3.1-5,10; Hebrews 9.24-28 and Mark 1.14-20

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Mon 11th Nov 10.50am: **Act of Remembrance**, outside church
Thurs 14th Nov 2.00pm: **Film Club**: 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/StAidanAllSaints2024>

ALL SOULS SERVICE – will be held this evening (Sun 3rd Nov at 7.00pm) to commemorate those dearly departed. Name slips will be available before the start of the service for names not already added to the list. If you are unable to attend the service in person, you can watch using the following link <https://bit.ly/AllSouls2024>

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.

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.

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.

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.

MENS GROUP – will meet on Thursday 7th November at 8pm in the Community Room to have a talk by Chris Balfour of Age UK Northumberland.

RECYCLING IN CHURCH - the council is now trialling a plastic bags and packets collection in our neighbourhood, so we will no longer collect crisp and biscuit packets. However, you can still recycle your dental products under the book table.

POPIES – poppies and wooden crosses are available at the back of church.

LUNCH GROUP - our festive lunch will be on Wednesday 27th November at the Rugby Club at 12 30pm (meet at 12pm). If you would like to join us, please let Pat or Pauline know.

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. Saturday Café, Men's group, Thursday groups

For the community – Brunton Park Medical Centre and local businesses. St Aidan's Community Centre & Great Park Community Centre, groups meeting in our church and community room

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 Lonnie, Christine Crompton, Alan Vout

For those who have died – Alan Dey, and on their anniversaries: Gillian Holt, Sylvia Caldicott, Ernest Hall, Kathleen Everitt, Nancy Middleton

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