

# **St Aidan's Patronal Festival**

**31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 – 10am**

**Parish of Moe-Newborough**

**Celebrant: Rev'd Giles Motisi**



## **The Prayer of St Aidan**

Leave me alone with God as much as may be.  
As the tide draws the waters close in upon the shore,  
Make me an island, set apart,  
alone with you, God, holy to you.

Then with the turning of the tide  
prepare me to carry your presence to the busy world beyond,  
the world that rushes in on me  
till the waters come again and fold me back to you.

*Aidan of Lindisfarne*

***Greetings to our service today and please feel free to join us in fellowship over a cuppa after the service.***

<b>Hymns</b>	<b>MP 731</b>	<b>MP 380</b>	<b>MP 207</b>	<b>MP 486</b>
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**Sentence:** To all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak.  
Jeremiah 1: 7b

**Collect:** Loving God, who called your servant Aidan from the peace of his Cloister to re-establish the Christian mission in northern England, and gave him the gifts of gentleness, simplicity, and strength.  
Grant that we, following his example, may use what you have given us for the relief of human need, and may persevere in commending by our lives the saving Gospel of our Redeemer Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

<p><b>First Reading: Isaiah 52: 7-10</b></p> <p><sup>7</sup>How wonderful it is to see a messenger coming across the mountains, bringing good news, the news of peace! He announces victory and says to Zion, “Your God is king!”</p> <p><sup>8</sup>Those who guard the city are shouting, shouting together for joy.</p>	<p>They can see with their own eyes the return of the LORD to Zion.</p> <p><sup>9</sup>Break into shouts of joy, you ruins of Jerusalem! The LORD will rescue his city and comfort his people.</p> <p><sup>10</sup>The LORD will use his holy power; he will save his people, and all the world will see it.</p> <p>For the word of the Lord</p> <p><b>Thanks be to God</b></p>
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## Psalm 85: 8-13

<sup>8</sup> Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,  
for he will speak peace to his people,  
to his faithful ones, whose hearts are turned to him.

<sup>9</sup> **Truly his salvation is near to those that fear him,  
and his glory shall dwell in our land.**

<sup>10</sup> Mercy and truth are met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

<sup>11</sup> **Truth shall flourish out of the earth:  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

<sup>12</sup> The LORD will also give us all that is good,  
and our land shall yield its plenty.

<sup>13</sup> **For righteousness shall go before him,  
and tread the path before his feet.**

## Second Reading

## Romans 12: 3-13

<sup>3</sup> And because of God's gracious gift to me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you should. Instead, be modest in your thinking, and judge yourself according to the amount of faith that God has given you. <sup>4</sup>We have many parts in the one body, and all these parts have different functions. <sup>5</sup>In the same way, though we are many, we are one body in union with Christ, and we are all joined to each other as different parts of one body. <sup>6</sup>So we are to use our different gifts in accordance with the grace that God has given us. If our gift is to speak God's message, we should do it according to the faith that we have; <sup>7</sup>if it is to serve, we should serve; if it is to teach, we should teach; <sup>8</sup>if it is to encourage others, we should do so. Whoever shares with others should do it generously; whoever has authority should work hard; whoever shows kindness to others should do it cheerfully.

<sup>9</sup> Love must be completely sincere. Hate what is evil, hold on to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Love one another warmly as Christians, and be eager to show respect for one another. <sup>11</sup> Work hard and do not be lazy. Serve the Lord with a heart full of devotion. <sup>12</sup> Let your hope keep you joyful, be patient in your troubles, and pray at all times. <sup>13</sup> Share your belongings with your needy fellow Christians, and open your homes to strangers.

For the word of the Lord,     **Thanks be to God**

**Gospel:                                 Matthew 28: 16-20**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, Chapter 28, beginning at the 16th verse.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>16</sup> The eleven disciples went to the hill in Galilee where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him, even though some of them doubted. <sup>18</sup> Jesus drew near and said to them, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of the age.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord,  
**praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Lindisfarne  
Castle.**

**Holy Island**



## Intercessions for today:

### Worldwide Church

- The Church of South India (United)

### Our Diocese:

- Bishop Richard and Leanne
- All clergy who have permission to officiate in the Diocese
- All retired clergy and their families

### Our Parish:

We pray for Father Giles, Julia, Darol and Joana and their family, Frank and Peter, and friends in PNG.

We pray for our parish as we work at articulating our Vision and Mission.

We pray for our Parish Council, and Parish groups. We pray for the health, safety and wellbeing of all parish members, thinking of those who have especially asked for our prayers:

Alisha, Annabel, Anne, Brian, Bruce, Cath, Carolyn, Coral, David, David, Helen, Jen & Zed, John, Kevin, Pauline, Rita and Yvonne along with those others known to us.

We give thanks for the life of Dr Harvey Miller and think of his family and friends at this time and we also remember all who have worshipped in our parish before us, and remember their faith and valuable contributions to the life of the Church.



This Week  
at a Glance The Week Ahead:

### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September:

**10am** No G4G at MVC Anzac Street, Moe  
**11am** Latrobe Village Aged Care

### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

**10am** Holy Communion at St Luke's, Moe

**7.00pm** Prayer and Meditation Group at Madge Vinnell Centre, Moe

### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September

**4.15-5.30** MVC in use

### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September:

**10-12md:** Listening Post Drop-in Centre and Food Relief. All are welcome to drop in for a cuppa and chat.

**1.15-2.30:** MVC in use

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September:

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**9.30am** Prayer time in Chapel (all welcome to attend)

**10.00am** Holy Communion at St Aidan's, Newborough

**Celebrant:** Rev'd Giles Motisi

**Readings:** Jeremiah 18: 1-11;

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18;

Philemon 1:1-21

Luke 14: 25-33

*Meet our patron saint, Aidan of Lindesfarne*

Little is known of Saint Aidan's early life, save that he was an Irishman, possibly born in Connacht, and that he was a monk at the monastery on the island of Iona in Scotland. Saint Aidan lived in a time of conflict in the British Isles. There was conflict between Christianity and the pagan religions of the Anglo-Saxons and also conflict between the Christianity of the Celts and that of the Romans. In 633, King Oswald of Northumbria determined to bring Christianity to the pagans of his kingdom. From his fortress of Bamburgh, he sent messages to Iona asking for missionary monks to come and minister to his people.

Aidan arrived in Northumbria around AD 635 accompanied by 12 other monks and was established as Bishop of the area. King Oswald gave him the island of Lindisfarne, (now known as the Holy Island) for his Bishopric.

Here St. Aidan established an Irish-type monastery of wooden buildings...a small church, small, circular dwelling huts, perhaps one larger building for communal purposes and workshops as needed. There the monks spent time in prayer and studious preparation before venturing out into the community to spread the gospel.

Aidan lived a frugal life, and encouraged the laity to fast and study the scriptures. St. Aidan tirelessly engaged in preaching and pastoral work. He travelled mainly by foot and visited all he came across. As St. Bede tells us; *"Whether rich or poor, if unbelievers, to embrace the mystery of the faith, or, if already Christians, he would strengthen them in the faith and stir them up, by words and actions, to alms and good works. He was accustomed not only to teach the people committed to his charge in church, but also feeling for the weakness of a new-born faith, to wander round the provinces, to go into the houses of the faithful, and to sow the seeds of God's Word in*

*their hearts, according to the capacity of each."*

When a feast was set before him he would give the food away to the hungry. The presents he received were given to the poor or used to buy the freedom of slaves, some of whom entered the priesthood.

Aidan had to ensure that his efforts did not die with himself and his Ionian monks and realized from the first the value of education and established a school in order to train the next generation of Christian leaders for Northumbria. The monastery he

founded grew and helped found other monasteries throughout the area. It also became a centre of learning and a storehouse of scholarly knowledge.

What St. Aidan had achieved may not have been clear to him at death but subsequent history showed the strong foundations and lasting success of his mission. The missionaries trained in his school went out and worked for the conversion of much of Anglo-Saxon England. Saint Aidan of Lindisfarne is credited with restoring Christianity to Northumbria.

## St Paul's Cathedral, Sale:



Please book in for the **piano concert on Sunday 28th September 2pm** with pianist Zachary Dunbar, (and guest organist Mitchell). Invite your friends. We want to fill

the cathedral with people as well as music! Book via <https://events.humanitix.com/piano-concert-btxnvjjs> , pay cash/ card on the day.

All funds raised will be donated to Asylum **Seeker Resource Centre** in Melbourne.

See Flyer in Narthex for cost and more details

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**Services:**

**Wednesday 10.00am St Luke's, 47 South Street, Moe**

**Sunday 10.00am St Aidan's, 111 Torres Street, Newborough  
(Unless advertised as otherwise)**

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