

GOING OUT TO SERVE GOD

Give to us, Lord, the peace of those who have learnt to serve you,
the joy of those who are glad to obey you
and the delight of those who rejoice in your praise;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Aidan of Lindisfarne (d. 651)

BLESSING

And now may God the Father keep you in his care
and lead your lives with love
and may the spirit walk with you on the way
guiding your steps according to his purpose.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit rest upon you
and on those for whom you pray. **Amen**

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Anne, Margaret, Johnny, Alan, Sylvia,
Joyce, Eddie, Audra, Adam, Arlene
Senior members resident in care homes
Nan, Isabel, Leslie, Lillian, Tom, Sally, Kay



Remember all who have been bereaved especially Patsy Hoy and family following the death of Bobby, formerly of 61 Blythe Street.

PARISH PRAYER LINE – TEL: 07553404711 (New)

*Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.
Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act. Psalm 37:4,5*

NOTICES

Wednesday 23 September : 7.30pm Confirmation Service.
Next Sunday 27 September: 11am Revd Bobbie's farewell service with Bishop George.

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WELCOME
to the Family of God!

GREETING

This is the day the Lord has made
We will rejoice and be glad in it
O God our Creator, your kindness has
brought us the gift of a new morning. Send
your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts
that most excellent gift of love, that we may
worship you now with thankful hearts
and serve you always with willing minds;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PENITENCE *(We say sorry to God)*

**Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you.
We are not worthy to be called your children.**

We turn to you again.

**Have mercy on us, bring us back to yourself
as those who once were dead but now have life
through Christ our Lord. Amen**

Merciful God, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,
That we may be cleansed from all our sins,
And serve you with a quiet mind, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

PSALM PRAISE

I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name forever and ever. Every day I will praise you and extol your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. They speak of the glorious splendour of your majesty— and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit
As it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen

A GIFT TO YOU : JESSICA

BIBLE READING EPHESIANS 1:3-11 (Message Version)

How blessed is God! And what a blessing he is! He's the Father of our Master, Jesus Christ, and takes us to the high places of blessing in him. Long before he laid down earth's foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love. Long, long ago he decided to adopt us into his family through Jesus Christ. (What pleasure he took in planning this!) He wanted us to enter into the celebration of his lavish gift-giving by the hand of his beloved Son.

Because of the sacrifice of the Messiah, his blood poured out on the altar of the Cross, we're a free people—free of penalties and punishments chalked up by all our misdeeds. And not just barely free, either. *Abundantly* free! He thought of everything, provided for everything we could possibly need, letting us in on the plans he took such delight in making. He set it all out before us in Christ, a long-range plan in which everything would be brought together and summed up in him, everything in deepest heaven, everything on planet earth. It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Stand*)

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**



SCRIPTURE SONG : JESUS CALLS US TO BE PILGRIMS

(to the tune *Jesus wants me for a sunbeam*)

Jesus calls us to be pilgrims
And follow him each day.
His promise is to stay with us
Whatever comes our way.
We're pilgrims, we're pilgrims
Here in St Aidan's we're pilgrims
God loves us, God guides us
We'll trust him to show us the way.

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee
Take my moments and my days let them flow in ceaseless praise
Take my hands and let them move a the impulse of Thy love
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee

Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee
Take my silver and my gold not a might would I withhold
Take my intellect and use every power as You choose

Take my will and make it Thine it shall be no longer mine
Take my heart, it is Thine own it shall be Thy royal throne
Take my love, my Lord I pour at Your feet its treasure store
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee

Here am I, all of me take my life, it's all for Thee

PARISH PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we praise and thank you that in your redeeming love you have drawn us together as members of your Church. We pray that you would deepen our love for you, strengthen our fellowship with each other and help us to worship you in spirit and in truth. We pray that during this time of change, we will keep our eyes fixed on you and trust you for the future. Help us to be faithful in our prayers for the continuing ministry in this community and guide us in all things to know and do your will, for the honour and glory of your name. Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER