St Aidan's Parish Church Enabling people to find a Living Faith in a Loving God by "Serving Christ in the Community"

27 September 2020 TRINITY 16 TODAY'S THEME : FORWARD IN FAITH



Sentence of the Day Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past; see I am doing a new thing. Is.43: 18,19.

WELCOME AND GREETING

O Lord, open our lips, and our mouth will proclaim your praise. Let us worship the Lord. All praise to his name.

Hymn 325

Be still for the presence of the Lord The Holy One is here Come bow before Him now With reverence and fear In Him no sin is found We stand on holy ground Be still for the presence of the Lord The Holy One is here Be still for the glory of the Lord Is shining all around He burns with holy fire With splendour He is crowned How awesome is the sight Our radiant King of light Be still for the glory of the Lord Is shining all around

Be still for the power of the Lord Is moving in this place He comes to cleanse and heal To minister His grace No work too hard for Him In faith receive from Him Be still for the power of the Lord Is moving in this place

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to seek the forgiveness of our sins, and to pray for the needs of the world, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

PENITENCE

Let us turn to the Lord and renew our faith in his promises by confessing our sins in penitence and faith O God, our loving Father in heaven, we confess that we have sinned against you; we have broken your commandments; we have often been selfish, and we have not loved you as we should. For these, and all our sins, forgive us, we pray: through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

May the Father of all mercies cleanse you from your sins, and restore you in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PSALM PRAISE 25: 4-8

Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long. Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, are good. Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways. 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

The Ministry of the Word

Isaiah: 43:16-21

This is what the LORD says he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick:

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

The wild animals honour me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise

> This is the word of the Lord Thanks be to God

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. who was conceived by the Holy Spirit born of the Virgin Mary. suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven he is seated at the right hand of the Father. and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

> I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SERMON Forward in Faith

Hymn 22

You shall cross the barren desert but you shall not die of thirst you shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand You shall see the face of God and live

> Refrain: Be not afraid I go before you always Come follow me And I will give you rest

If you pass through raging waters in the sea you shall not drown If you walk amid the burning flames you shall not be harmed If you stand before the power of hell and death is at your side know that I am with you through it all (Refrain:)

Blessed are your poor

for the kingdom shall be theirs Blest are you that weep and mourn for one day you shall laugh And if wicked men insult and hate you all because of me blessed, blessed are you! (Refrain:)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, Hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(Hymn 620 between intercessions)
O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, when I call answer me,
O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, come and listen to me

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Greetings from Jerome and Mary, Mission Partners in Kigali, Rwanda



Act of Commissioning as Revd Bobbie leaves to continue her ministry as Mission Director of Bird of Paradise Ministries in Rwanda. (BPMR)

Bishop George: Christ invites each of us to faithful discipleship and service. We are all called to different ministries as we seek to live God's love. Bobbie has been called to continue her ministry as Mission Director of BPMR. Will you, as the people of God here in this place, support and pray for her in this ministry? Congregation: With the help of God, we will.

Bobbie, do you believe that God has called you to this ministry? I do

Will you seek to develop the faith, gifts and skills God has given you as you share in Christ's mission and ministry? With the help of God, I will.

> I commission you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May God grant you grace, wisdom and joy as you live out this calling. **Amen.**

Living God, draw Bobbie deeper into your love; Jesus our Lord, send her to care and serve; Holy Spirit, make her a herald of good news. Strengthen her, teach and inspire her to live your love with generosity and joy, imagination and courage; for the sake of your world and in the name of Jesus. **Amen**

Hymn 81

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided, urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way, sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided: Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us, speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze, teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us: Lord of the word, receive Your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation, spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care: for young and old, for commonwealth and nation, Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world when we disown and doubt him, loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain, hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him: Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us self on the cross and Christ upon the throne, past put behind us, for the future take us: Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

GOING OUT AS MEMBERS OF GOD'S FAMILY

Be with us Lord, as we go out into the world. May the lips that have sung your praise always speak the truth; may the ears which have heard your Word listen only to what is good and may our lives as well as our worship be always pleasing in your sight, for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING Bishop George

PARISH PRAYER LIST



Faith, 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)

NOTICES

Next Sunday 4 October – 11am Parish Communion with Canon Ken



The Annual General Meeting of the Parish will be held in church on Wednesday 7 October at 7.45pm

During the Vacancy the Rural Dean, Revd Canon Kevin Graham, Rector of St Bartholomew's, will be in charge of the administration of the parish. T: 07964 663745 Canon Ken continues in his usual role

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