

Thursday 24th February in Church at 7.30 p.m.
General Vestry Meeting (See notice below)

Next Sunday 27th February at 11.00 a.m.
Morning Prayer (Jim Neill)

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Billy, Libby, Jean, Julie, Ava, Maureen, Lyn, Trevor, Derek, Jean,
Tommy, Joan & Pearl.

Senior members resident in care homes

Nan, Leslie, Lillian, Sally, Violet, June & Alec

ST AIDAN'S PARISH, BELFAST

The annual revision of the Register of Vestry Persons will take place
on **Thursday 24th February 2022 at 7:30pm in the Church.**

Registration as a Vestry Person is required by the Constitution of the
Church of Ireland, Chp 3 para. 8, if a parishioner wishes to attend
the Easter General Vestry meeting.

Forms for registration are available from either the Rural Dean,
covering clergy or the Church Wardens. The Register of Vestry
Persons is also available for inspection. (COVID-19 restrictions apply)

Signed *Kevin Graham*

The Reverend Canon TKD Graham BSc(Hons) BTh MTh
Rural Dean of South Belfast

Parish Contacts

During the Vacancy the Rural Dean, Rev Canon Kevin Graham, Rector
of St Bartholomew's, will be in charge of the parish
with Canon Ken continuing in his usual role.

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St Aidan's Parish Church

Enabling people to find a Living Faith in a Loving
God by Serving 'Christ in the Community'

Sunday 20th February '22 The 2nd Sunday before Lent

Today's Worship is our Monthly Informal Service
All you need for this service is this pew sheet and a hymn book.



**"Then one of the seraphim flew
to me with a live coal in his hand,
which he had taken with tongs
from the altar.**

**7 With it he touched my mouth and
said, 'See, this has touched your
lips; your guilt is taken away and
your sin atoned for.'" (Isa 6.6 & 7)**

Greeting & Invitation to Worship

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.

Let us rejoice and shout for joy, giving God the glory.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Faithful one, whose word is life:
come with saving power to free our praise,
inspire our prayer and shape our lives
for the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 336 'Jesus, where'er thy people meet'

PENITENCE *(We say 'sorry' to God)*

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives;

Father; forgive us:

Save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you;

Father, forgive us:

Save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do and think and say;

Father, forgive us:

Save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you

by temptations in the world about us;

Father, forgive us:

Save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son;

Father, forgive us:

Save us and help us.

ABSOLUTION

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour, forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image:

Teach us to discern your hand in all your works

and your likeness in all your children;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. Amen

Ventilation remains a significant mitigation against the spread of this airborne virus. Windows and doors should be open were possible to allow good airflow.

Social Distancing is no longer a requirement but some spacing is still encouraged in church buildings when people are seated together with others who they are not in regular contact with, particularly in the early stages of the easing of restrictions. Clergy and Select Vestries may want to reflect on what is right and appropriate in their own local situation. Some will choose to maintain social distancing for the time being. Others, where there is significant pressure for space, may wish to revert to more 'normal' seating patterns.

Face coverings

It is strongly recommended that they continue to be worn, for the time being, when people are in close contact with others inside. When entering and moving around inside a building and particularly during congregational singing, face coverings should be worn. Face coverings may be removed when people are seated and not singing but that is a matter of personal preference. This guidance applies to services and meetings.

PARISH PRAYER



Heavenly Father, we praise and thank you that in your redeeming love you have drawn us together.

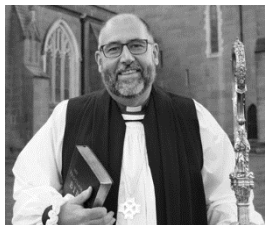
We pray that you would deepen our love for you as members of your Church.

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

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With the easing of **Covid-19 restrictions** announced at the beginning of the week Bishop George has issued some new updates in which he reminds us that, *“the transmission rate is still high and therefore we have to continue to do everything we can to keep everyone in our parishes and wider community safe. We also need to be mindful that many of those who have regularly attended services in our church buildings throughout the pandemic have found reassurance and comfort in the mitigations that have been in place, so to instantly remove all mitigations would leave those same people feeling vulnerable and exposed.”*

He continues, *“As we look to a brighter future, with more freedom and fewer restrictions, we need to move forward cautiously and with a measure of restraint in the early stages in order to bring everybody with us as we return to some level of normality.”*

As regards Sunday worship and other church gatherings the relevant parts of his instructions are as follows.

The following guidance notes are simply to provide some help and assistance to clergy, Select Vestry members and parishioners as together we all try to navigate our way forward. Many of the decisions about practical arrangements will have to be made at parish level based on local knowledge, context, and the current situation at any given time

Covid symptoms

Anyone who has (or think they might have) any of the symptoms of Covid19, or are just generally feeling unwell, should be encouraged not to come to services or other meetings to avoid the risk of spreading the virus to others.

Hand sanitisers should continue to be available at the entrance to buildings and used by everyone entering and leaving the premises.

(Please stand)

Acclamation

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts:
the whole earth is full of his glory.

Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength;
ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name.
The whole earth is full of his glory.

The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts:
the whole earth is full of his glory.

Psalm 65

- 1 Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;
to you that answer prayer shall vows be paid.
- 2 To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins;
when our misdeeds prevail against us, you will purge them away.
- 3 Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there.
**We shall be satisfied with the blessings of your house,
even of your holy temple.**
- 4 With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.
- 5 In your strength you set fast the mountains
and are girded about with might.
- 6 You still the raging of the seas,
the roaring of their waves and the clamour of the peoples.
- 7 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth tremble at your marvels;
the gates of the morning and evening sing your praise.
- 8 You visit the earth and water it;
you make it very plenteous.

- 9 The river of God is full of water;
you prepare grain for your people, for so you provide for the earth.
- 10 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase.
- 11 You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.
- 12 May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness
and the hills be girded with joy.
- 13 May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep
*and the valleys stand so thick with corn
 that they shall laugh and sing.*

Hymn 627 'What a friend we have in Jesus'

1st Reading Isaiah 6:1-8

6 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: with two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³And they were calling to one another: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory' ⁴At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵'Woe to me!' I cried. 'I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.'

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷With it he touched my mouth and said, 'See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.'

⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'

Address

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
 source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
 who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
 who gives life to the people of God
 and makes Christ known in the world?

All We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

**All This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God,
 Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Prayers

Hymn 112 'There is a Redeemer'

The Blessing

May God's hand lead you,
 God's eyes watch over you,
 God's ears hear your prayers,
 God's arms protect you and hold you close,
 God's word encourage you
 and God's love fill your hearts.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son,
 and the Holy Spirit, be with you all evermore. **Amen**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord;
In the name of Christ, Amen.



Our Parish Prayer Line number is now 07501 117 888