#### **Notices**

## This Thursday 7th April at 2.00 p.m.

Everyone invited to come along to church for a short service, Tea, Coffee and a chat - with Alison.



# Next Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2022 Palm Sunday

–11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer (Jim Neill)

**Holy Week & Easter** 

Maundy Thursday 7.30 p.m. at St Aidan's

**Holy Communion** 

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**Good Friday** 

riday 4.00 p.m. at St Simon's

**Good Friday Readings, Reflections & Hymns** 

Good Friday

Easter Sunday

11.00 a.m. Easter

Communion



#### PARISH PRAYER LIST

Billy, Libby, Jean, Julie, Ava, Derek, Tommy, Joan, Pearl, Kay, Violet & Faith.

#### SENIOR MEBERS RESIDENT IN CARE HOMES

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



Our Parish Prayer Line number is 07501 117 888

## **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 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022 The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent



"What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord."

Today's worship is a 'Celebration of 'The Holy Communion' as per The Book of Common Prayer (page 201)

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## **Collect of the Day**

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world:
Grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross, we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen** 

#### **Lent Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:

Create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

# 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Philippians 3:1-14 No confidence in the flesh

**3** Further, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you. <sup>2</sup> Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh. <sup>3</sup> For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh – <sup>4</sup> though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

<sup>7</sup> But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ – the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. <sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ – yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. <sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord

## Thanks be to God

## (Please stand)

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to John chapter 12 beginning at verse 1.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honour. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. <sup>3</sup> Then Mary took about half a litre of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

<sup>4</sup> But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, <sup>5</sup> 'Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages. <sup>6</sup> He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

<sup>7</sup> 'Leave her alone,' Jesus replied. 'It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

God of hope, in this eucharist we have tasted the promise of your heavenly banquet and the richness of eternal life. May we who bear witness to the death of your Son, also proclaim the glory of his resurrection, for he is Lord for ever and ever. **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