

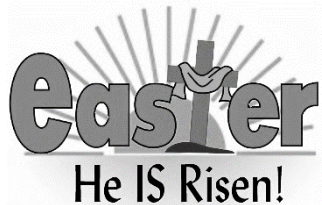
Notices for Holy Week & Easter



7.30 p.m. at St Aidan's
Holy Communion

4.00 p.m. at St Simon's

**Good Friday Readings, Reflections
& Hymns**



11.00 a.m. in St Aidan's
Easter Communion

PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

SENIOR MEMBERS RESIDENT IN CARE HOMES

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



Our Parish Prayer Line number is 07501 117 888

St Aidan's Parish Church
Enabling people to find a Living Faith in a Loving
God by Serving 'Christ in the Community'
Sunday 10th April 2022 Palm Sunday



Today's worship is the
Service of Morning Prayer
as per
The Book of Common Prayer
(page 101)
Our services are also available
live on Facebook.

Hymns for today

- 238 'Ride on, ride on in majesty'
- 240 'Sweet the moments, rich in blessing'
- 217 'All glory, laud and honour'
- 218 'And can it be that I should gain'

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**

Psalm 118

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim,
'His mercy endures for ever.'
- 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.
- 20 This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 Come, O Lord, and save us we pray.
Come, Lord, send us now prosperity.
- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;
we bless you from the house of the Lord.
- 27 The Lord is God; he has given us light;
*link the pilgrims with cords
right to the horns of the altar.*
- 28 You are my God and I will thank you;
you are my God and I will exalt you.
- 29 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.

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

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

Parish Contacts

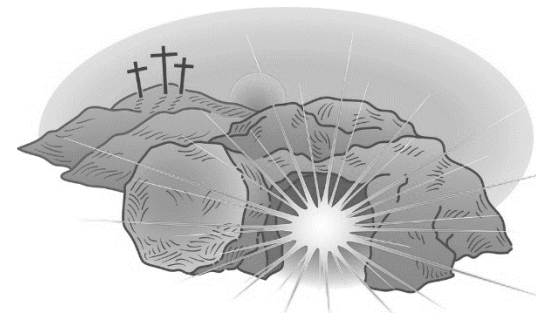
During the Vacancy the Rural Dean, Rev Canon Kevin Graham, Rector of St Bartholomew's, will be in charge of the parish with Canon Ken continuing in his usual role.

Contact details are as follows:

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Easter is the climax of the Church's year.

Why not invite a friend to come with you and help us mark this wonderful occasion?

Lifting of Covid restrictions

At the time of producing this Pew Sheet a letter has been received from Bishop George advising us as follows;

“the easing of Covid-19 mitigations and measures in parishes in Northern Ireland can take effect from Monday 4th April 2022, with all necessary decisions being taken locally under the guidance and direction of the Rector and Select Vestry. Every parish will have to decide at what pace they move forward and there is no expectation that all parishes will make the changes at the same time.”

This means that, as far as our **church worship** is concerned;

- Social distancing will no longer be required in church buildings and parish halls.
- Face coverings will also no longer be required in church buildings or parish halls (including when singing), with those who prefer to continue to use face coverings clearly being free to do so.
- Restrictions relating to catering on church premises will no longer be required, though it is recommended that sensible precautions should continue to be taken.

In a letter from the Archbishops of Armagh and Dublin, the use of the common cup at Communion services has also been restored.

However this matter remains a concern with many worshippers and in discussion with the Rural Dean, we have agreed that our current practice in St Aidan’s will continue but that the ‘common cup’ will also be available for those who wish to partake from it. (There will be a simple procedure for worshippers to indicate if they wish to drink from the chalice.)

The Bishop’s letter also authorises the ‘Rector and Select Vestry’ to continue to require certain additional measures and mitigations within the local parish, dependant on local factors.

1st Bible Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴ The Sovereign LORD has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary.

He wakens me morning by morning,
wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.

⁵ The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears;
I have not been rebellious, I have not turned away.

⁶ I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting.

⁷ Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced.

Therefore have I set my face like flint,
and I know I will not be put to shame.

⁸ He who vindicates me is near.

Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other!

Who is my accuser? Let him confront me!

⁹ It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me. Who will condemn me?

2nd Bible Reading

John 12:12-19

¹² The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. ¹³ They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting,

‘Hosanna!’ ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’
‘Blessed is the king of Israel!’

¹⁴ Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it, as it is written:

¹⁵ ‘Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming,
seated on a donkey’s colt.’

¹⁶ At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realise that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him.

¹⁷ Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. ¹⁸ Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, ‘See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!’

Early Palm Sunday Celebrations

Beginning in the fourth century in Jerusalem, Palm Sunday was marked by a procession of the faithful carrying palm branches, representing the Jews who celebrated Christ's entrance into Jerusalem. In the early centuries, the procession began on the Mount of the Ascension and proceeded to the Church of the Holy Cross.



Still the Church proclaims,
**"Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord!"**

In later years the practice of Palm Sunday processions was to spread to the Church in the west!



This one must have been fun

