

## Notices

**Next Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 11.00 a.m. Parish Communion**  
(See Notice below)

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 7.30 p.m. Annual General Vestry Meeting**  
(See Notice below)

### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May Parish Communion**

Worshippers are reminded that the Belfast City Marathon takes place on this day so depending on how you normally get to church, and from what direction, it is likely you may have to leave extra time to get to Blythe Street.

### **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May Annual General Meeting**

#### **Parish of St Aidan, Belfast**

**A meeting of the General Vestry will take place on  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7.30 p.m. in the church**

All those whose names are recorded in the  
Register of Vestry Persons are entitled to attend the  
Annual General Vestry meeting,  
as per The Constitution of the Church of Ireland, Chap 3, para 8.

#### **PARISH PRAYER LIST**

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

#### **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 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**



***Thomas said to him,  
'My Lord and my God!'***

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**

- 268** 'Hail, thou once-despised Jesus!'
- 293** 'Breathe on me, Breath of God'
- 285** 'The head that once was crowned'
- 454** 'Forth in the peace of Christ we go'

#### **Collect**

Almighty Father,  
you have given your only Son to die for our sins  
and to rise again for our justification:  
Grant us so to put away the leaven  
of malice and wickedness  
that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth;  
through the merits of your Son  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## Psalm 150 (Read together)

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD!

Praise God in his sanctuary;  
praise him in his mighty firmament!\*

<sup>2</sup> Praise him for his mighty deeds;  
praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

<sup>3</sup> Praise him with trumpet sound;  
praise him with lute and harp!

<sup>4</sup> Praise him with tambourine and dance;  
praise him with strings and pipe!

<sup>5</sup> Praise him with clanging cymbals;  
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

<sup>6</sup> Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!  
Praise the LORD!

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*

## Bible Reading      John 20.19.31

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus<sup>[a]</sup>), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord!'

But he said to them, 'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.'

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.'

<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, 'My Lord and my God!'

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'

<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe<sup>[b]</sup> that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

## 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.**

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