

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

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Florence, Charlie, Leslie, Jean, Alec & June

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During the vacancy the Rural Dean, the 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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**Worship for the rest of the month**

**We hope the church will be open for worship on and from next Sunday  
13th December and for the rest of the month.**

**However, in the light of the possibility of further restrictions by the  
government, and/or further advice from our Bishop,  
these will be confirmed nearer the time  
(on our Facebook page, our web site, or at 07922 358 091)**

**At this stage we are advised there should be no  
Carol Service on Sunday 20<sup>TH</sup>**

Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	(Jim Neill)
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 a.m.	The same great story – in a different way!	(Canon Ken)
Christmas Day	11.00 a.m.	Family Communion	(Canon Ken)
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	(Dennis Fullerton)

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

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020 : 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

With the church being closed for worship today owing to Coved 19 restrictions you may wish to use today's Bible readings and collects, etc., for your own personal devotions.

**Also there is daily short online act of worship being posted on the Connor Diocesan Facebook page and, on our own parish Facebook page, Canon Ken will be posting a reflection on today's readings.**



**The Collects of the day:**

Father in heaven,  
who sent your Son to redeem the world  
and will send him again to be our judge:  
Give us grace so to imitate him  
in the humility and purity of his first coming  
that when he comes again,  
we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

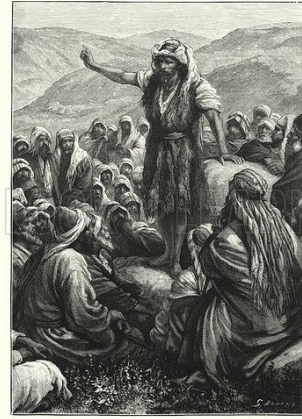
Almighty God,  
Give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light now in the time of this mortal life  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;  
that on the last day when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen

## Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her  
that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for,  
that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.  
A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low;  
the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.  
And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it  
together. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."  
A voice says, "Cry out." And I said, "What shall I cry?"  
"All people are like grass, and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of  
the field. The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of  
the LORD blows on them. Surely the people are grass.  
The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God  
endures forever."  
You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain.  
You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout,  
lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God!"  
See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and he rules with a mighty  
arm. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him.  
He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms  
and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have  
young.

## Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of  
God, as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:  
"I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way"—  
"a voice of one calling in the wilderness,  
'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'"  
And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism  
of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.



The whole Judean countryside and all the  
people of Jerusalem went out to him.  
Confessing their sins, they were baptized by  
him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing  
made of camel's hair, with a leather belt  
around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild  
honey. And this was his message: "After me  
comes the one more powerful than I, the  
straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to  
stoop down and untie. I baptize you  
with water, but he will baptize you with the  
Holy Spirit."

*On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake and harken, for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of kings!*

*Then cleansed be every heart from sin;  
make straight the way for God within;  
prepare we in our hearts a home,  
where such a mighty guest may come.*

## 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**