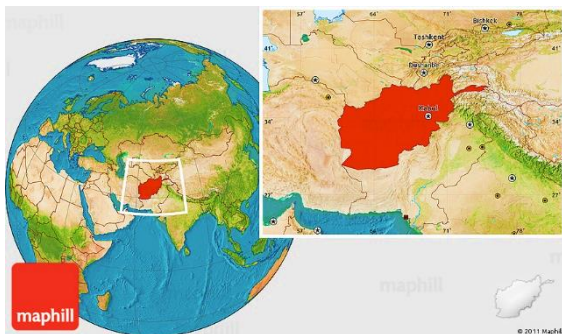


WONDERING HOW TO PRAY FOR AFGHANISTAN?



“The fear for the Afghan people is not so much the unknown, but rather the known: a brutal regime where daily life is filled with unbearable tension: regular public executions, oppression for women, fear of a knock at the door from the Taliban.

For too long people in Afghanistan have looked for salvation from Western powers – but that has failed spectacularly.

Let's lift our prayers urgently to heaven for:

- 1. The Afghan church.** Protection, peace and courage for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are understandably terrified. Let's pray that they experience the Lord walking with them and among them, saying: “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.” (Luke 12:32)
- 2. Political and humanitarian solutions** for the vast number of Afghan refugees, ordinary people suddenly displaced from their homes by the terror the Taliban. May they discover that “The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble, and he knows those who take refuge in Him.” (Nahum 1:7)
- 3. Wisdom for world leaders** as they seek to respond diplomatically, building an essential international consensus for peace. “Counsel and sound judgment are mine; I have insight, I have power. By me kings reign and rulers issue decrees that are just;”(Proverbs 8:14-15)

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Cheryl, Charlie, Derek & Jean

Senior members resident in care homes

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

Worship Next Sunday 29th August (13th Sunday after Trinity)

11.00 a.m. **Morning Prayer** (Canon Ken)

St Aidan's Parish Church

Enabling people to find a Living Faith in a Loving God by Serving 'Christ in the Community'
Sunday 22nd August 2021 Trinity 12 Pew Sheet



“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them.”

Today's worship is
'Morning Prayer
as per
The Book of Common Prayer
(page 101)

Our services are also
available live on
Facebook.

Hymns for today

- 336 'Jesus, where'er thy people meet'
- 624 'Speak, Lord, in the stillness'
- 407 'Christ is the heavenly food'

Welcome & Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire, or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask save through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen**

Psalm 84

1 How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

***My soul has a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.***

2 The sparrow has found her a house

and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:

at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

3 Blessed are they who dwell in your house:

they will always be praising you.

4 Blessed are those whose strength is in you,

in whose heart are the highways to Zion,

5 Who going through the barren valley find there a spring,

and the early rains will clothe it with blessing.

6 They will go from strength to strength

and appear before God in Zion.

7 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;

listen, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God,

and look upon the face of your anointed.

9 For one day in your courts

is better than a thousand.

10 I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God

than dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

11 For the Lord God is both sun and shield;

he will give grace and glory;

***no good thing shall the Lord withhold
from those who walk with integrity.***

12 O Lord God of hosts,

blessed are those who put their trust in you.

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.

John 6:56-69

⁵⁶ ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but

whoever feeds on this bread will live for ever.' ⁵⁹ He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum. ⁶⁰ On hearing it, many of his disciples said, 'This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?'

⁶¹ Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, 'Does this offend you? ⁶² Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! ⁶³ The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you – they are full of the Spirit and life. ⁶⁴ Yet there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. ⁶⁵ He went on to say, 'This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them.'

⁶⁶ From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

⁶⁷ 'You do not want to leave too, do you?' Jesus asked the Twelve.

⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.'



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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