

## 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

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## PARISH PRAYER LIST

Lauren, Florence, Eleanor, Faith, Margaret, Johnny, Alan,  
Charlie, Leslie, Edna, Alec & June

Senior members resident in care homes  
Nan, Isabel, Leslie, Lillian, Tom, Sally & Kay

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TO CONFIRM THIS BY SUNDAY PLEASE REFER TO OUR WEBSITE OR  
FACEBOOK PAGE FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION OR CALL 07922 358 091.

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

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 : Sunday before Advent

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### Welcome & Greeting

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

Opening Hymn No 329 'Father, again in Jesus' name we meet'  
\* Verses 1-3

*The service of Morning Prayer (page 101 of the Prayer Book)*

Psalm 100 A psalm. For giving grateful praise.

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

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

## 1<sup>st</sup> Bible Reading Ephesians 1:15-23

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give



you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Bible Reading Matthew 25:31-46

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’

“They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’

“He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’

“Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

## *(Creed – The Prayers page 112)*

### Collect of the Day

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### Address

Final Hymn No 595

‘Safe in the shadow of the Lord’