

CONTINUE 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:

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1. The families of all those killed in explosions in the area of Kabul Airport and for **those who will not now be evacuated** – including those in very vulnerable situations.

2. Political and humanitarian solutions for the vast number of Afghan refugees, ordinary people suddenly displaced from their homes by the terror the Taliban.

3. The Afghan church. Protection, peace and courage for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are understandably terrified.

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5. For Allied Forces involved in the final days of evacuation and the difficult situations they will confront and experience.

6. Wisdom for world leaders as they seek to respond diplomatically, building an essential international consensus for peace.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Cheryl, Charlie, Crawford, Derek & Jean

Senior members resident in care homes

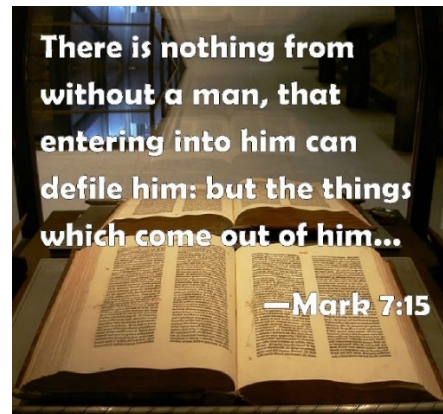
Nan, Leslie, Lillian, Tom, Sally, Charlie, Violet, June & Alec

Worship Next Sunday 5th September (14th Sunday after Trinity)

11.00 a.m. **Parish Communion** (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 29th August 2021 Trinity 13 Pew Sheet



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

- 338 'Jesus, stand among us'
- 630 'Blessed are the pure in heart'
- 638 'O for a heart to praise my God'
- 75 'Lord dismiss us with thy blessing'

Welcome & Greeting

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

Collect for Today

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
Help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may
be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Psalm 45

- 1 My heart is astir with gracious words;
***as I make my song for the king,
my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.***
- 2 You are the fairest of men;
***full of grace are your lips,
for God has blest you for ever.***
- 6 Your throne is God's throne, for ever;
the sceptre of your kingdom is the sceptre of righteousness.
- 7 You love righteousness and hate iniquity;
***therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.***
- 8 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes and cassia;
from ivory palaces the music of strings makes you glad.
- 9 Kings' daughters are among your honourable women;
at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

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.

Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

7 Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands,* thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it;* and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.*) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live* according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' ⁶He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honours me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
⁷ in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines."

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'
¹⁴ Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.*' ²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'



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

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 as Assistant Minister.

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