

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 PRAYER LIST

Cheryl, Lauren, Yvonne, Sandra, Eleanor, Charlie, Derek, Tommy & Joan

Senior members resident in care homes

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

Parish Prayer Line 07553 404 711

Next Sunday 9th May

11.00 a.m. Parish Communion (Jim Neill)

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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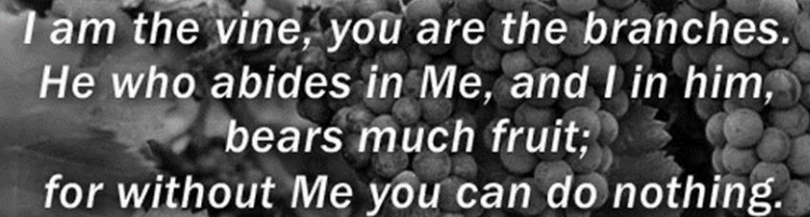
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St Aidan's Parish Church

Enabling people to find a Living Faith in a Loving God by Serving 'Christ in the Community'

Sunday 2nd May 2021 The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Pew Sheet



*I am the vine, you are the branches.
He who abides in Me, and I in him,
bears much fruit;
for without Me you can do nothing.*

John 15:5 (New King James Version)

St Aidan's Parish Church is now open for Sunday worship. However for those who may still not feel confident enough to return to face-to-face worship, or who may be unable to get to church for health reasons, our service can still be viewed live on our Facebook page on Sunday morning at 11.00 a.m. or at any later stage.

www.facebook.com/staidansandyrow

In church we continue to abide by current restrictions, i.e. sitting in allocated seating only, social distancing and wearing our masks at all times while in the building.

Today's Worship is The Service of Holy Communion

Collect & Bible Readings

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: Grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen**

Acts 8:26-40

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Go south to the road – the desert road – that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' ²⁷ So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means 'queen of the Ethiopians'). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. ²⁹ The Spirit told Philip, 'Go to that chariot and stay near it.'

³⁰ Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. 'Do you understand what you are reading?' Philip asked. ³¹ 'How can I,' he said, 'unless someone explains it to me?' So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: 'He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ³³ In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth.'

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, 'Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?' ³⁵ Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

³⁶ As they travelled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptised?' ³⁸ And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptised him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and travelled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

John 15:1-8

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵ 'I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, in word and sacrament
we proclaim your truth in Jesus Christ and share his life.
In his strength may we ever walk in his way,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Parish of St Aidan, Belfast

A meeting of the General Vestry
will take place

this Wednesday 5th May at 7.45 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.

**A short service will precede the meeting beginning at 7.30 p.m. to
which those listed in the Register of Vestry Persons are invited.**

Covid restrictions will be in place.