

## 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, Eleanor, Charlie, & Joan

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

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021    3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

## Pew Sheet



**St Aidan's is currently not open for Sunday worship owing  
to the Coved 19 pandemic.**

**However online worship is available as follows;**

Each Sunday Canon Ken will post a short informal service,  
complete with address, on our Facebook page

[www.facebook.com/staidansandyrow](http://www.facebook.com/staidansandyrow)

Canon Kevin Graham (Rural Dean) will also be conducting  
Morning Prayer from St Bartholomew's online and this can  
be accessed at

28<sup>th</sup> February 2021

<https://youtu.be/WZzH2rn5sFU>

21<sup>st</sup> February 2021

<https://youtu.be/BGT6eUvjjU0>

14<sup>th</sup> February 2021

<https://youtu.be/EcrdbQxfakM>

7<sup>th</sup> February 2021

[https://youtu.be/P92YBBYH\\_Rc](https://youtu.be/P92YBBYH_Rc)

The link for today will be published  
on our Facebook page later this morning.

## Collects & Bible Readings

Merciful Lord, Grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### **Psalm 19** For the director of music. A psalm of David.

- <sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.  
<sup>2</sup> Day after day they pour forth speech;  
night after night they reveal knowledge.  
<sup>3</sup> They have no speech, they use no words;  
no sound is heard from them.  
<sup>4</sup> Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,  
their words to the ends of the world.  
In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.  
<sup>5</sup> It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,  
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.  
<sup>6</sup> It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other;  
nothing is deprived of its warmth.  
<sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD is perfect refreshing the soul.  
The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.  
<sup>8</sup> The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart.  
The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.  
<sup>9</sup> The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever.  
The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous.  
<sup>10</sup> They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold;  
they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.  
<sup>11</sup> By them your servant is warned,  
in keeping them there is great reward.  
<sup>12</sup> But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults.

<sup>13</sup> Keep your servant also from wilful sins; may they not rule over me.  
Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

<sup>14</sup> May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart  
be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

### **John 2:13-22**

<sup>13</sup> When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. <sup>15</sup> So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup> To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."

<sup>18</sup> The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?"

<sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

<sup>20</sup> They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" <sup>21</sup> But the temple he had spoken of was his body. <sup>22</sup> After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

### **1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

<sup>18</sup> For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

<sup>19</sup> For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."

<sup>20</sup> Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.