

## 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, Sandra, Eleanor, Faith, Margaret, Johnny, Alan,  
Florence, Charlie, Leslie, Jean, Alec & June

**Senior members resident in care homes**

Nan, Isabel, Leslie, Lillian, Tom, Sally & Kay

**Parish Prayer Line 07553 404 711**

## Worship for the rest of the month

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 11.00 a.m. The same great story (Canon Ken)  
– no matter how we tell it!

Christmas Day 11.00 a.m. Family Communion (Canon Ken)

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer (Dennis Fullerton)

**At this stage we are advised there will be no Carol Service on the 20<sup>th</sup> evening. Any change regarding this or any of these services will be notified on our Facebook page and our web site, or can be confirmed at 07922 358 091.**

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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 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020 : 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent



Our service this morning is that of  
Morning Prayer  
and begins on page 101 of the Prayer Book

**Opening Hymn 119 'Come thou long expected Jesus'**

## Psalm 126

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
**we were like those who dreamed.**

<sup>2</sup>Our mouths were filled with laughter,  
our tongues with songs of joy.

**Then it was said among the nations,  
"The LORD has done great things for them."**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great things for us,  
**and we are filled with joy.**

<sup>4</sup>Restore our fortunes, LORD,  
**like streams in the Negev.**

<sup>5</sup>Those who sow with tears  
**will reap with songs of joy.**

<sup>6</sup>Those who go out weeping,  
carrying seed to sow,  
**will return with songs of joy,  
carrying sheaves with them.**

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.

**Bible Readings**      **Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11**

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,  
because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to bind up the broken hearted,  
to proclaim freedom for the captives  
and release from darkness for the prisoners,  
<sup>2</sup> to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour  
and the day of vengeance of our God,  
to comfort all who mourn, <sup>3</sup> and provide for those who grieve in Zion—  
to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes,  
the oil of joy instead of mourning,  
and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendour.  
<sup>4</sup> They will rebuild the ancient ruins  
and restore the places long devastated;  
they will renew the ruined cities  
that have been devastated for generations.  
<sup>8</sup> "For I, the LORD, love justice; I hate robbery and wrongdoing.  
In my faithfulness I will reward my people  
and make an everlasting covenant with them.  
<sup>9</sup> Their descendants will be known among the nations  
and their offspring among the peoples.  
All who see them will acknowledge  
that they are a people the LORD has blessed."  
<sup>10</sup> I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God.  
For he has clothed me with garments of salvation  
and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness,  
as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
<sup>11</sup> For as the soil makes the sprout come up  
and a garden causes seeds to grow,  
so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness  
and praise spring up before all nations.

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

<sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray continually, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all  
circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.  
<sup>19</sup> Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Do not treat prophecies with  
contempt <sup>21</sup> but test them all; hold on to what is good, <sup>22</sup> reject every kind  
of evil.  
<sup>23</sup> May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through.  
May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of  
our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

**Collects**

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger  
to prepare your way before you:  
Grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries  
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way  
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,  
that at your second coming to judge the world  
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;  
for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end. **Amen**

Almighty God,  
Give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light now in the time of this mortal life  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;  
that on the last day when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

***Closing Hymn 124 'Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes'***