

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

Hymn 652 'Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us'

Benediction

Dismissal Let us go forth in the name of Christ
Thanks be to God

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Notices

Next Sunday 22nd 11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer Mr Jim Neill

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 15th November 2020 : 2nd Sunday before Advent

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'

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

Psalm for today - Psalm 123

I lift up my eyes to you,
to you who sit enthroned in heaven.

As the eyes of slaves look to the hand of their master,
as the eyes of a female slave look to the hand of her mistress,
**so our eyes look to the LORD our God,
till he shows us his mercy.**

Have mercy on us, LORD, have mercy on us,
for we have endured no end of contempt.

We have endured no end
of ridicule from the arrogant,
of contempt from the proud.

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

1st Bible Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labour pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Hymn 695 'God of mercy, God of grace'

2nd Bible Reading Matthew 25:14-30

"Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.'

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

"The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.' "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' "Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'

"His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.'

"So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Hymn 101 'Jesus, the very thought of thee'

(Creed – The Prayers page 112)

Collect of the Day

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Hymns 349 'Fill thou my life'

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