

HOLY BAPTISM

A number of requests for the Baptism of children have been received in the past two weeks and we have now responded to these, with meetings arranged with parents for a preliminary discussion, after which preparation will be arranged.



Consequently it is likely that baptisms will be carried out on three occasions between now and the end of the year.

It would be helpful therefore, if there are others who may be interested in having children baptised over the next few months, if they contact Canon Ken now – either at church or on 07922 358 091 or kenmcreynolds@hotmail.com

It is obviously desirable that baptisms are carried out in the context of our normal public worship but depending on circumstances at the time, and any restrictions in place, it may be necessary to arrange for these to take place at private services for families and friends.

We hope this will not be the case.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Cheryl, Lauren, Charlie, Derek, Leslie, Violet, Lilian, Anne, Ian and Sylvia.

Senior members resident in care homes

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

Parish Prayer Line 07553 404 711

Worship Next Sunday 8th August (10th Sunday after Trinity)

11.00 a.m. **Morning Prayer** (Mr 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 as Assistant Minister.

Contact details are as follows:

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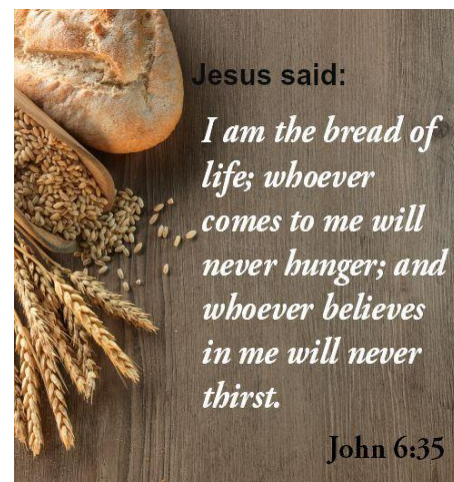
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St Aidan's Parish Church

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

Sunday 1st August 2021 Trinity 9 Pew Sheet



Today's worship is a 'Celebration of The Holy Communion' as per The Book of Common Prayer (page 201) or the Communion Booklet available in church.

Our services are also available live on Facebook.

Hymns for today

- 96 'Jesus is Lord'
- 451 'We come as guests invited'
- 403 'Bread of the world'
- 443 'Sent forth by God's blessing'

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: Open our hearts to the riches of his grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Epistle Ephesians 4: 1-16

4I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. ⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.'
⁹(When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended* into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel (Please stand)

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to John chapter 6 beginning at verse 24.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁴ Once the crowd realised that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of

Jesus.

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, 'Rabbi, when did you get here?'

²⁶ Jesus answered, 'Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. ²⁷ Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.'

²⁸ Then they asked him, 'What must we do to do the works God requires?' ²⁹ Jesus answered, 'The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.'

³⁰ So they asked him, 'What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?' ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."

³² Jesus said to them, 'Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

³⁴ 'Sir,' they said, 'always give us this bread.'

³⁵ Then Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

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Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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