

## 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, Faith, Margaret,  
Charlie & Jean

*We remember especially this week the family of  
The late George Bell (Empire Drive)*

Senior members resident in care homes  
Nan, Leslie, Lillian, Tom, Sally, June & Alec

Parish Prayer Line 07553 404 711

## 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'

Pew Sheet 

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021

The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after The Epiphany

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

**However online worship will be 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

24<sup>th</sup> January 2021

<https://youtu.be/wgzfwy0d-0w>

17<sup>th</sup> January 2021

<https://youtu.be/fTaUwtlFYdc>

10<sup>th</sup> January 2021

<https://youtu.be/uFL1AI-hzmo>

3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021

<https://youtu.be/mebVr0B6K5Q>

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

## The Collect & Bible Readings of the Day

Creator God, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: We pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### Psalm 111

- <sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart  
in the council of the upright and in the assembly.
- <sup>2</sup> Great are the works of the LORD;  
they are pondered by all who delight in them.
- <sup>3</sup> Glorious and majestic are his deeds,  
and his righteousness endures for ever.
- <sup>4</sup> He has caused his wonders to be remembered;  
the LORD is gracious and compassionate.
- <sup>5</sup> He provides food for those who fear him;  
he remembers his covenant for ever.
- <sup>6</sup> He has shown his people the power of his works,  
giving them the lands of other nations.
- <sup>7</sup> The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy.
- <sup>8</sup> They are established for ever and ever,  
enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.
- <sup>9</sup> He provided redemption for his people;  
he ordained his covenant for ever – holy and awesome is his name.
- <sup>10</sup> The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his  
precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.

### Deuteronomy 18:15-20

<sup>15</sup> The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him. <sup>16</sup> For this is what you asked of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, ‘Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire any more, or we will die.’

<sup>17</sup> The LORD said to me: ‘What they say is good. <sup>18</sup> I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him. <sup>19</sup> I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name. <sup>20</sup> But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, is to be put to death.’

### 1 Corinthians 8.1-13

<sup>8</sup> Now about food sacrificed to idols: we know that ‘We all possess knowledge.’ But knowledge puffs up while love builds up. <sup>2</sup> Those who think they know something do not yet know as they ought to know. <sup>3</sup> But whoever loves God is known by God.



<sup>4</sup> So then, about eating food sacrificed to idols: we know that ‘An idol is nothing at all in the world’ and that ‘There is no God but one.’ <sup>5</sup> For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as indeed there are many ‘gods’ and many ‘lords’), <sup>6</sup> yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.

<sup>7</sup> But not everyone possesses this knowledge. Some people are still so accustomed to idols that when they eat sacrificial food they think of it as having been sacrificed to a god, and since their conscience is weak, it is defiled. <sup>8</sup> But food does not bring us near to God; we are no worse if we do not eat, and no better if we do.

<sup>9</sup> Be careful, however, that the exercise of your rights does not become a stumbling-block to the weak. <sup>10</sup> For if someone with a weak conscience sees you, with all your knowledge, eating in an idol’s temple, won’t that person be emboldened to eat what is sacrificed to idols? <sup>11</sup> So this weak brother or sister, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your knowledge. <sup>12</sup> When you sin against them in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup> Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother or sister to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause them to fall.