

## 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,  
Charlie, Jean, Alec & June

### Senior members resident in care homes

Nan, Leslie, Lillian, Tom, Sally & Kay

Parish Prayer Line 07553 404 711

We remember today the family circle of  
the Late Victor Robinson (Coolfin Street )  
and the Late Isobel Prichard (Rosevale Lodge Care Home)

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021 The Second Sunday of Christmas

**St Aidan's will not be open for Sunday worship for the rest of January; a decision made in the interests of the safety of our parishioners at this stage in the Coved 19 pandemic.**

Worship will be available online as follows;

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

[www.facebook.com/staidansandyrow](https://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

[https://youtu.be/NLG\\_udzKZEI](https://youtu.be/NLG_udzKZEI)

## The Collect of the Day

Almighty God,  
in the birth of your Son  
you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word,  
and shown us the fullness of your love:  
Help us to walk in this light and dwell in his love  
that we may know the fullness of his joy;  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

*(Psalm & Bible Readings for the day overleaf)*

## Psalm 147:13-20

- <sup>13</sup> He strengthens the bars of your gates  
and blesses your people within you.
- <sup>14</sup> He grants peace to your borders  
and satisfies you with the finest of wheat.
- <sup>15</sup> He sends his command to the earth;  
his word runs swiftly.
- <sup>16</sup> He spreads the snow like wool  
and scatters the frost like ashes.
- <sup>17</sup> He hurls down hail like pebbles.  
Who can withstand his icy blast?
- <sup>18</sup> He sends his word and melts them;  
he stirs up his breezes, and the waters flow.
- <sup>19</sup> He has revealed his word to Jacob,  
his laws and decrees to Israel.
- <sup>20</sup> He has done this for no other nation;  
they do not know his laws.

Praise the LORD.

## Ephesians 1:3-14

<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. <sup>4</sup> For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will – <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, <sup>9</sup> he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, <sup>10</sup> to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfilment – to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

<sup>11</sup> In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, <sup>12</sup> in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession – to the praise of his glory.

## John 1.1-18

**1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was with God in the beginning. **3** Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. **4** In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. **5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. **6** There was a man sent from God whose name was John. **7** He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. **8** He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. **9** The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. **10** He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. **11** He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. **12** Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – **13** children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. **14** The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. **15** (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, 'This is the one I spoke about when I said, "He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me."') **16** Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. **17** For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. **18** No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in the closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

