

**Readings for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent:**

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-end;

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11;

Matthew 25:14-30.

**Collect: 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,**  
**in the unity of the Holy Spirit**  
**one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Verse for the Week:**

*'Well done, good and trustworthy slave;  
you have been trustworthy in a few things,  
I will put you in charge of many things;  
enter into the joy of your master.'*

(Matthew 25:21)

**St Aidan's Verse for 2020**

*Jesus said, 'Love the Lord your God  
with all your heart,  
with all your soul,  
with all your mind,  
and with all your strength, and  
Love your neighbour as you love yourself.'*

(Mark 12:30-31)

*God who remembers, you never forget to  
keep promises and show mercy, and  
through Christ you re-member us in love.  
Thank you that the death of those dear to  
us matters to you. Just as Jesus promised  
the dying thief that he would be  
remembered in heaven, so we can be sure  
that they will be remembered because your  
memory never fails; and whether we live or  
whether we die we and they will be with  
you forever. Amen*

**Extract of a letter from our Archbishops  
4th Nov (Full letter on notice boards and  
web-site):** These are deeply challenging  
and difficult times for us all. Starting this  
week, **we have asked every church to  
pray each day at 6pm. We invite you to  
join with us.** You'll be able to find simple  
resources on the Church of England  
website and social media channels. **Let's  
be calm, let's be courageous, let's be  
compassionate.** May God bless you and  
keep you, and all those you love

*The Most Revd Justin Welby Archbishop of  
Canterbury, The Most Revd Stephen Cottrell  
Archbishop of York*

**Two Vacancies at St Aidan's**

At our APCM, Keith Bevell gave notice  
that he will be stepping down from two  
roles at next year's APCM (April 2021),  
as Treasurer, and Hall Bookings Secretary.  
If you are interested in finding out more  
about either of these roles, please speak to  
Keith or Gordon or one of the wardens.  
Thank-you.

**In our intercessions, we are asked to remember  
those in need:**

Lucy and Katharine Watts, Julie Shute,  
Margaret Taylor, Tony Usher,  
Tony Mabbatt, Stuart Greenway, Callum  
Turner, Linda Chambers, Kim Herd, Elaine  
Turner, Lynee Wells, Sylvia Wells, June  
Hipworth, John and Brenda Mangion, Violet  
Doyle, Dennis and Jean Pogose, Audrey Pegrum,  
Lee Jackson, Robert Saint, Peter Gunn, Paul  
Joyce, Anmarie Ayoub, Tammy Bartlett, Helen  
Bartlett, Muriel Hill, Lydia Petitt, Karen Kelidi,  
Alan and Eunice Walker, George and Hilda Pipes,  
Cara Japon, Christine Robinson, George  
Littlebury, and all those affected by the  
coronavirus.



**and those whose anniversaries occur this week:**

Mildred Andrews, Frederick Chamberlain, Kath  
Coomber, Ken Powell, Trudie Belcher, James  
Stowers, Len Hall, Beryl Porter.

**We also remember those living in residential  
care or who are housebound or shielding and  
less able to get to Church:** Joyce Rippin,  
Dennis and Jean Jones, John Jones, Betty Burton,  
Pat Welch, Daphne Bridges, Margaret Brooks,  
Dot Bartlett.