

Readings for Advent Sunday:

Isaiah 64:1-9; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9;

Mark 13:24-end.

**Collect: Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away
the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ
came to us in great humility;
that on the last day, when he shall come
again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with
you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Verse for the Week:

*‘About that day or hour no one knows,
neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son,
but only the Father.*

*Beware, keep alert; for you do not know
when the time will come.’*

(Mark 13:32-33)

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)

Do you know about Silverline?

Silverline is free, confidential, 24 hours,
phoneline for information, friendship,
advice for older people, ring **0800 4708090**
or from a mobile ring 0300 4 70 80 90

*Advent God you are always coming to us:
in the gift of a new day, in the stories of
your faithfulness, in the cries of needy
people, in the experience of undeserved
love, in the longings of our hearts. Thank
you that you never give up coming to us.
Help us to welcome your coming into our*

*lives this day and also be those through
whom you might come close to others. In
the name of God’s coming presence, Jesus
Christ. Amen.*

Each year during Advent we collect gifts
for **Safe Steps (Women’s Refuge)**. This
year they have requested supermarket gift
vouchers (eg Tesco, Sainsburys or Co-op).
Demand for their services has risen 77%
during this year of lockdowns, and this is
the best way to support their work.
Vouchers can be brought to church or
delivered to the vicarage **by 9th December**.
Thank you.

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.

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, and all those
affected by the coronavirus.



We also remember those recently departed:
Sylvia Andrews.

and those whose anniversaries occur this week:
Margery Robbins, Noel Young, Julie Barnacle,
Joyce Crook, Ronald Sadler, Elizabeth Sandwell,
Erica Wyld, Robert Kett.

**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.