

Readings for Third Sunday of Advent:

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-end;

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8,19-28.

Collect:

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Verse for the Week:

*'There was a man sent from God,
whose name was John.*

*He came as a witness to testify to the light,
so that all might believe through him.'*

(John 1:6)

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)

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Advent Prayer:

Advent Lord,

*like sentinels on the city walls, we wake;
like servants at the master's table, we wait;
like search parties through the long night,
we watch:*

for the dawn of your coming,

*for the morning star to rise in our hearts
and for the renewal of our salvation.*

Amen

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, 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, Peter Gunn.

and those whose anniversaries occur this week:

Anne Greenslade, David Hornsby, Albert Dowding, Katherine Sladden, Mary Armitage, Laurie Ives, Jack Poskitt, Bridget Ross, Vic Bristow.

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, Joyce Edghill.