

Readings for Second Sunday of Advent:

Isaiah 40:1-11; 2 Peter 3:8-15a;

Mark 1:1-8.

Collect:

**O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and
wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son
our Lord, to whom with you and the
Holy Spirit, be honour and glory,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Verse for the Week:

‘The prophet Isaiah, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight’’

(Mark 1:2-3)

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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*God of prophecy,
speak into our Advent waiting
with words of inspiration and courage,
that we might find in you:
a great light in our darkness,
a voice in our wilderness,
a highway in our desert,*

*and a new bloom in our dry land.
We wait for you, we look to you,
desire of all the nations,
and hope of the whole world. 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 Sunday 13th 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:
Derek Brown, Suzanne Mansfield, Tony Leaper, Brian Burgess, Ronald Harle.

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.