

Readings for 10th January: *The Baptism of Christ (The first Sunday of Epiphany):*
Genesis 1:1-5; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11
or, for Epiphany: *Isaiah 60:1-6;*
Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12.

Collect for Epiphany:

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for the Baptism of Christ:

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Next Sunday's readings, 17th January, The second Sunday of Epiphany):

1 Samuel 3:1-10; Revelation 5:1-10;
John 1:43-end.

Verse for the week

'(The wise men) knelt down and paid him homage.

Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts...'

(Matthew 2:11)

St Aidan's Verse for 2021

'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.'

(2 Corinthians 12:9)

Do you know about Silverline?

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

We received '*heartfelt appreciation and thanks*' from **Safe Steps** (the Women's Refuge) for the gift tokens and money that was passed on from St Aidan's, see notice boards in church foyer. Thank-you to all who contributed.

Two Vacancies at St Aidan's

Keith Bevell 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, June Hipworth, John and Brenda Mangion, Violet Doyle, Dennis and Jean Pogose, Audrey Pegrum, Lee Jackson, Robert Saint, 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 Wells, Ron Large, Janice Ablitt.

and those whose anniversaries occur this week:

Joyce Jones, Freda Bullock, Peter Tilbury, Frances Prior, Tom Head, Christine Ramsden.

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.