

**Readings for Second Sunday of Christmas (3<sup>rd</sup> January):**

Jeremiah 31:7-14; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10;  
John 1:10-18

**Almighty God,  
in the birth of your Son  
you have poured on us the new light  
of your incarnate Word,  
and shown us the fullness of your love:  
help us to walk in his light  
and dwell in his love:  
that we may know the fullness of his joy;  
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, 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**St Aidan's Verse for 2021**

*'My grace is sufficient for you,  
for my power is made perfect in weakness.'*  
(2 Corinthians 12:9)

A Prayer for the Christmas season:

*God of comfort and joy,  
may we know your presence with us today  
and bring your gentle, joyful love to others,  
this Christmas and always.*  
**Amen.**

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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.

A Prayer for the New Year:

*Lord of love,  
you are in the unexpected and in the new.  
Just as last year taught us to take nothing  
for granted,  
help us to trust 2021 into your hands,  
knowing that whatever happens,  
nothing can separate us from  
your timeless love and your timely  
presence.*  
**Amen**

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.

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

Donald Culver, Winifred Inskip, Winifred Seaney, Bill Perry, Edgar Ashworth, Eric Hand, Grace Walker.

**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.

