

**Readings for 14th March, The Fourth Sunday of Lent (*Mothering Sunday*):**

*Numbers 21:4-9; Ephesians 2:1-10;  
John 3:14-21.*

**Collect:**

**God of compassion,  
whose Son Jesus Christ,  
the child of Mary,  
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,  
and on the cross drew the whole human  
family to himself:  
strengthen us in our daily living  
that in joy and sorrow  
we may know the power of your  
presence  
to bind together and to heal;  
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, 21st March:**

***The Fifth Sunday of Lent:***

*Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:5-10;  
John 12:20-33.*

**Verse for the week**

*'For God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him  
may not perish but may have eternal life.'*  
(John 3:16)

**St Aidan's Verse for 2021**

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

**Two Vacancies at St Aidan's**

Keith Bevell will be stepping down from two roles at this year's APCM, 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.

**Right Reverend Dr Guli Francis-**

**Dehqani** will become the **next Bishop of Chelmsford** on **19th April**, but will not move until the summer. In early September it is hoped to hold a public Welcome and Installation service for Bishop Guli in the Cathedral. Do pray for her as she prepares for the many challenges we face as a diocese.

*Lord of the cross and resurrection,  
in these weeks of getting ready  
for the events of Holy Week and  
Easter,  
open up our lives to your words,  
open up your words to our hearts  
and open up our hearts to your  
presence,  
so that we might become  
more faithful and fruitful  
as your disciples.  
For your name's sake, 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.

**and those whose anniversaries occur this week:** Eileen Emms, Jack Selby, Babette Thorne, Muriel Davies, Maurice Suttling, George Hatch.

**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, Margaret Brooks, Dot Bartlett, Joyce Edghill.

