## Readings for 28th March, Palm Sunday:

Mark 11:1-11; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1 – 15:end.

Collect: True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. Amen.

# Next Sunday's readings, 4th April: Easter Day:

Acts 10:34-43; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20:1-18.

#### Verse for the week

'Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches..

(They) were shouting,

Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!..

Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

(Mark 11:8-10)

## 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. **St Aidan's 2021 Text Cards** are available at the back of church.

Do take a **Holy Week poster** to display, from the back of church.

God of grace, surprise us in the ordinary of every day; console us in the dilemmas we face; inspire us when we don't know what to do; encourage us in the depths

of our being, that we might taste afresh the joy of eternal life, in the here and now.

Amen.

Tender, loving God, speak peace to our friends, who are troubled and tired. Surround those we pray for, who are stressed and struggling. Please be their rock and refuge in the present storms of this life. 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,
Eunice Walker, George and Hilda Pipes, Cara
Japon, Christine Robinson, and all those affected
by the coronavirus.

We also remember those recently departed: Alan Walker.

and those whose anniversaries occur this week: Philip Oastler, Brian Edmondson, Frank Howlett, David Nussbaum, Laura Gilmartin, Charles Higgs, Ronald Jones, David Norwood.

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.