

Readings for 7th March:

The Third Sunday of Lent:

*Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25;
John 2:13-22.*

Collect:

**Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy
but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory
before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we,
walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way
of life and peace;
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, 14th March:

The Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday):

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

Verse for the week

*'For the message about the cross
is foolishness to those who are perishing,
but to us who are being saved
it is the power of God.'*
(1 Corinthians 1:18)

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 wilderness,
our many lockdowns have already felt
like an extended Lent this past year.
They have been a letting go and a
losing that longs for an Easter
celebration. And yet we know that it is
in the discipline of these times that you
come close, and that our faith can
go deeper and bear fruit.
May this Lenten lockdown
teach us more about loving you,
more about knowing ourselves,
and more about serving others,
in the footsteps of Christ
our sacrifice and our Saviour. 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:

Daphne Bridges.

and those whose anniversaries occur this week:

Ernest Hibbs, Susan Chalmers, Samuel Filby, Mary Hutchinson.

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.