

## Readings for 2nd May,

### The Fifth Sunday of Easter:

*Acts 8:26-end; Psalm 22:25-end;*

*John 15:1-8.*

#### Collect:

**Almighty God,**

**who through your only-begotten Son  
Jesus Christ**

**have overcome death and opened to us  
the gate of everlasting life: grant that,  
as by your grace going before us  
you put into our minds good desires,  
so by your continual help  
we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen 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, 9th May:

### The Sixth Sunday of Easter:

*Acts 10:44-end; Psalm 98; John 15:9-17.*

#### Verse for the week

*'Jesus said,*

*'I am the vine, you are the branches.  
Those who abide in me and I in them  
bear much fruit, because apart from me  
you can do nothing. ''*

*(John 15:5)*

#### 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 pray for **Right Reverend Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani**, our new **Bishop of Chelmsford**. In early September it is hoped to hold a public Welcome and Installation service for Bishop Guli in the Cathedral.

## Two Vacancies at St Aidan's

Keith Bevell will be stepping down from two roles this year, as Treasurer, and Hall Bookings Secretary. If you are interested in finding out more about either of these roles, please speak to Keith, Gordon, Elaine or Karen. Thank-you.

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

### *Pray for India*

*God of power and might we lift our  
brothers and sisters in India to you.*

*We pray for your protection,*

*We pray for your provision,*

*We pray for the nations of earth to  
have compassion.*

*When people are in need, you are our  
refuge. When people are scared, you  
are our refuge. When people are  
mourning, you are our refuge.*

*Compassionate God, draw close to  
those who seek your refuge today.  
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 Pettitt, Karen Kelidi, Eunice Walker, George and Hilda Pipes, Cara Japon, Christine Robinson, Pam Hyett, Peter Main, David Thomas, Ann Dick and all those affected by the coronavirus.



**We also remember those recently departed:**  
Shirley Danbrook.

**and those whose anniversaries occur this week:**  
Winifred Routledge, Rosemarie Wellings, Johanna John, Bill Ross, Leonard Ulrich.

**We also remember those living in residential care or who are housebound 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.