

**Readings for 16th May,
The Seventh Sunday of Easter:**

*Acts 1:15-17, 21-end; Psalm 1;
John 17:6-19.*

Collect:

**O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son
Jesus Christ with great triumph
to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit
to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place
where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
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, 23rd May:

Day of Pentecost, Whit Sunday:

*Acts 2:1-21; Romans 8:22-27;
John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15.*

Verse for the week

*'Happy are those who do not follow
the advice of the wicked...
but their delight is in the law of the Lord...
They are like trees planted by streams of
water, which yield their fruit in its season.'*
(Psalm 1:1-3)

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.

Dot Bartlett has many new **Hand-Made Cards** on sale at the back of church.
Do take a look.

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.

*God of the mountain top and seashore,
you also reveal yourself to us
in the transition times
of our life's journey:
where the usual becomes
the unexpected,
where the known suddenly becomes
the new,
where the comfortable turns into
the challenging.
When life is disrupted like this,
break through
and transform us by your 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, Eunice Walker, George and Hilda Pipes, Cara Japon, Christine Robinson, Pam Hyett, Peter Main, David Thomas, Ann Dick, Hilary Lydamore, John Lewis and all those affected by the coronavirus.



and those whose anniversaries occur this week:

Barbara Griffiths, Derrick Luxford, Doris Manley, Amanda Coles.

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.