

## **Readings for 9th May,**

### **The Sixth Sunday of Easter:**

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

#### **Collect:**

**God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us  
from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom  
of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death  
he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us  
he may raise us to eternal joy;  
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, 16th May:**

### **The Seventh Sunday of Easter:**

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

#### **Verse for the week**

*'Jesus said,*

*'This is my commandment, that you love  
one another as I have loved you.'*

*(John 15:12)*

#### **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.

### ***Christian Aid Week Prayer***

*Great God, who makes the sun to rise,  
and opens the heavens, hear the cry of  
the people who sow in hope for rain,  
but reap only despair.*

*Hear the cry of the people seeking  
shelter from the storm, their hopes  
and homes submerged.*

*Hear the cry of the people, when  
creation is hitting back, with rage and  
resistance.*

*Give us hope, grant us salvation, give  
us a new relationship with creation  
with reverence to tend this gift from  
You, and say once again of the earth  
and all you created: It is GOOD.*

*(Bob Kikuyu Global Theology Advisor,  
Christian Aid)*

#### **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:** Frederick Dowding, Brian Moore, Elvina Savill.

**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.

