

**Readings for 31st July,
Seventh Sunday after Trinity:**

*Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23;
Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21.*

Hymns: 217 God is love: let heaven adore

323 In heav'nly love abiding,

552 O worship the Lord

625 Take my life, and let it be

**Collect: Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy
keep us in the same;
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, 7th August,
Eighth Sunday after Trinity:*

*Genesis 15:1-6; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16;
Luke 12:32-40.*

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, Hilda Pipes, David Thomas, Dorothy Brandon, Sue Gray, Steve Sutherland, Barbara Armitage, Andy Omand, Dulcie Moore, Barbara Millard, Stephen Sturrock, Dan Knight, Bob Hand, Mac McCarthy, Elaine Harris, Kevin Barber, Rob Symonds.



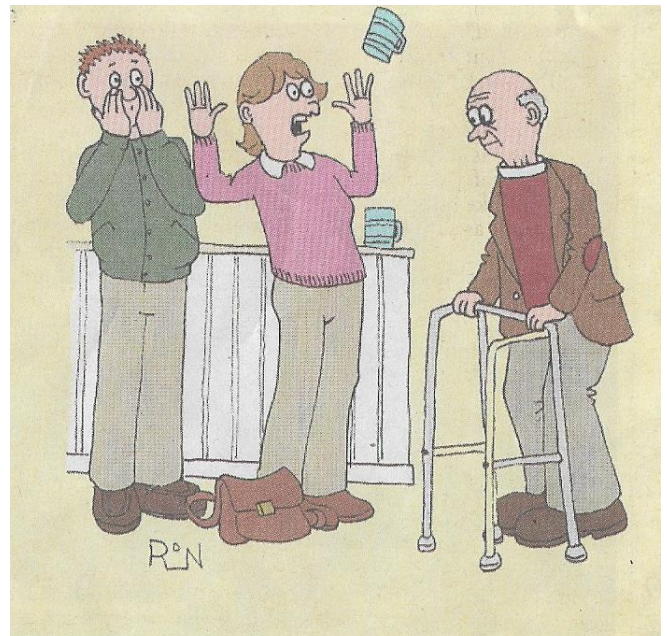
We also remember those recently departed: Margaret Astley-Cooper, Dennis Jones.
and those whose anniversaries occur this week: Leonard Millard, Vera Chambers, Barbara Handford, John Dench, Mavis Robbie, Tony Evans, Phil Edwards, Mary Searle, Vera South.
We also remember those living in residential care or housebound and less able to get to Church: Jean Jones, John Jones, Betty Burton, Margaret Brooks, Dot Bartlett, Beryl Bristow, Florrie Webb.

Verse for the week

*'There is no longer Greek and Jew,
circumcised and uncircumcised,
barbarian, Scythian, slave and free;
but Christ is all and in all!'
(Colossians 3:11)*

St Aidan's Verse for 2022

*'Remember
that I have commanded you
to be determined and confident!
Don't be afraid or discouraged,
for I, the Lord your God,
am with you wherever you go.'
(Joshua 1:9)*



News of the Vicar's retirement took people by surprise

I have decided the time is right for me to retire. I passed clergy retirement age earlier in the year, and Julia and I are buying a property in Rochford for our retirement. My last Sunday at St Aidan's will be **Sunday 16th October** with a 10am Holy Communion service followed by a lunch. I have greatly enjoyed being your vicar for 11 years, and will miss you all, but hope to keep in touch. *With love, Gordon.*