Readings for 14th August, Ninth Sunday after Trinity:

Jeremiah 23:23-29; Hebrews 11:29–12:2; Luke 12:49-56.

Hymns:

631 Tell out, my soul,447 May the mind of Christ my Saviour304 I come with joy, a child of God,297 How sweet the name of Jesus soundsCollect:

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches
of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the
Spirit in love and joy 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, 21st August, Tenth Sunday after Trinity: Isaiah 58:9b-end; Hebrews 12:18-end; Luke 13:10-17.

Verse for the week

'Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses... let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.'

(Hebrews 12:1-2)

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)

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A Prayer for our Church Wardens:

May God give you grace to serve him with cheerfulness and humility; may Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you in all you do in His service; and may the Holy Spirit guide and direct your path, that you may fulfil your office to the glory of God and for the good of his people. Amen.

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. Services and activities will continue as usual during the vacancy. I have greatly enjoyed being your vicar for 11 years, and will miss you all, but hope to keep in touch. *With love, Gordon*.

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. and those whose anniversaries occur this week: Elizabeth Inskip, Marjorie Hughes, Manley. 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, John Hill.