

MASS TIMES: Bourton (B) Stow

PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST. KENELM, Stow-on-the-Wold and OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, Bourton-on-the-Water.

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SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday evening 29th Aug: **Vigil Mass 6 pm (B).** INTENTION: Our sick parishioners.

Sunday morning 30th Aug. **9 am Mass (S).** INTENTION: Repose of the soul of Clare Goodwin; (anniversary of her birthday).

Mon. 31st: **Bank Holiday. 9 am Mass (S).** St. Aidan and the Saints of Lindisfarne. INTENTION: The conversion of England.

Tue. 1st September: **10 am Mass (B)** Weekday in Ordinary Time. INTENTION: Increased knowledge of creation and its management, as ordained by God. (Genesis 1 vv. 26-29)

Wed. 2nd: **9 am Mass (S).** Weekday in Ordinary Time. INTENTION:

Thur. 3rd **10 am Mass (B).** St. Gregory the Great. **Pope and Doctor of the Church.** INTENTION: Pope Francis

Fri. 4th. **9 am (S)** St. Cuthbert, Bishop. INTENTION:

Sat. 5th. No morning Mass, as usual.

NEXT SATURDAY SUNDAY 5/6th

September: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Saturday evening 5th September. **Vigil Mass 6 pm (B).**

Sunday morning **MASS 9 am (S)**
INTENTION: Repose of the souls Jim and Joan Phillips. All Sunday Masses are recorded or live streamed. The link goes out each Sunday to all who have asked to be on our email data base. If you are *not* on the data base but would like to be, please email me: sulharcomb@aol.com

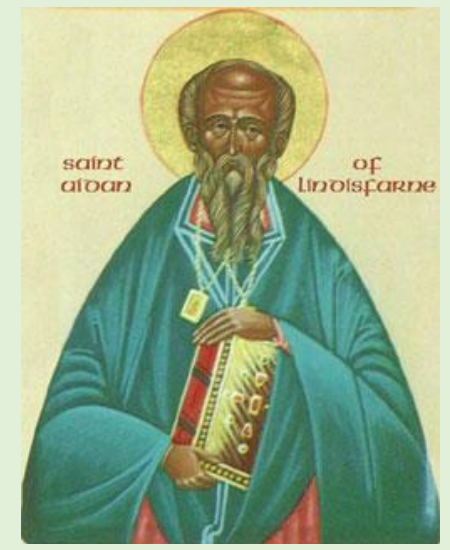
FINANCES. Our small Finance committee met last Wednesday to look at the first 7 months of the year compared to 2019. Our treasurer, Veronica Wilson updated us: The **Offertory plate** income is down 60% but the **Standing Orders** (parishioners who pay regularly each month or quarter) is only down by a few hundred pounds. In all, our gift income is down 30% but it could be much worse. **Donations** (money received from people who wish to help the Church, payments from Funeral directors, Mass intentions, and all sorts of other gifts, is up from just under £2000 in 2019, to over £5000 so far this year. Thank you, all you kind people. Total **Expenses** including professional fees for the Presbytery, maintenance of buildings, admin, parish share, etc. are >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>

[FINANCES cond..... about £1000 down on this time last year. But the **big challenge** will be to raise the £15,000 that we banked from the May Fayre (£4,700) and the Auction of Promises (£10,500) – (just over £15,000) in 2019.

We shall also be hit by £40,000 coming out of our account for the Presbytery building work. (The remainder is being borrowed from the Diocese). The property should be starting to provide income by January 2021, and that will cover interest and capital repayments on the loan over a 5-7 year period.

I would like to thank so many generous people who keep us afloat financially.

GRAND DRAW. SUNDAY 6th JANUARY, 2021. Funds raised from this will be included in the 2020 year. Prizes so far; Family ticket to **Cotswold Farm Park**; a delightful print of a signed original painting by **Charles Mosley**, (b. 1948) of a man and a woman (apparently) in a French street (fine frame); **5 hours private tuition in Italian or French; £100 in cash;** Morning on **the Gallops followed by breakfast or lunch** hospitality or a day at the races; a **Wheelbarrow of booze**; Family ticket to **Batsford Arboretum; £50 National Garden Voucher; Painting by Tessa Gwynne; Walking tour of Oxford** with a senior academic based at St. Edmund Hall. **£100 Tesco Voucher; £100 Co-op Voucher. Still more items are welcomed.** The aim will be for us to sell as many tickets as possible across a wide geographic area so as to get 'outside' cash.



This coming week we celebrate two glorious northern saints: **St Aidan** (died 651), who converted the Anglo-Saxons in Northumbria and who founded a monastery on the island of Lindisfarne, and **St. Cuthbert** (634-687) – possibly England’s most popular Northern Saint, whose body lies in Durham Cathedral, who was also a monk and Bishop of Lindisfarne. The Venerable Bede, (673-735) historian and saint, provides us with details of their lives. **PRAYER OF ST AIDAN:** ‘Leave me alone with God as much as may be. As the tide draws the waters close in upon the shore, Make me an island, set apart, alone with you, God, holy to you. Then with the turning of the tide prepare me to carry your presence to the busy world beyond, the world that rushes in on me till the waters come again and fold me back to you.’

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