

Collect for Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PRAYER POINTS:

- For those injured and the families of those killed in the dreadful shooting in Las Vegas.
- For the Rohingya refugees fleeing to Bangladesh, suffering without food, water and shelter.
- For ROPE, helping disadvantaged people all over the world.
- For our political leaders, that they may do the best for our country.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE IN IMMEDIATE NEED OF HEALING AND PEACE:

Christopher and Victoria, Mark Ackford and family, John Hammond, Norman Edwards, Karen Lawrence, Philippa King, Chris and Sally Greeno, Kelly May, Gordon & Kathleen Plumridge, Joyce Bapty, Richard Heaney, Michael Hopkins, and the frail, elderly and bereaved in our church family.

WE HAVE ALSO BEEN ASKED TO PRAY FOR:

Kate Quarrell, Gideon, Laura Huidekoper, Barbara Higgins, Mary Jefferies, Alex Chauhan, Rachael, Danu Fox, Keith & Judy Brambleby, Barbara Platts, Sarah, Anne and Tony Eccleston, Jennie Lunn, Tony Mead, Hannah, Stuart Bailey.

WE REMEMBER WITH THANKSGIVING THE LIVES OF:

Jack Burnett, Richard Sherman and Angeline Pitkin.

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News

Sunday 8th October 2017, Seventeenth after Trinity

Saints,

Another week and another atrocity has occurred and at the time of writing there is no explanation or reason why this has happened. The world is crying out again 'Why would a good God allow this to happen?' This is a relevant question and one that we must understand in order to be able to give an answer to people. But I think it is right for us to try to understand why things like this happen. We must remember that God is there in all of these instances as they happen and afterwards. If you would like to speak to David, Michael or myself about any questions that these incidents bring up then please do talk to us.

God has given us free choice in what we do. We call this 'free will'. God has given us the freedom for us to choose what we want to do. The majority of us will never do anything that is really bad but some people do. Outside of this there are many other people who make decisions that affect others and will contribute to normal people changing or becoming desperate and doing something stupid. It is a circumstance that creates a situation that makes people respond in certain ways.

This is where as a Church nationally and locally we can make a difference. We have the free choice whether to do something or not and I believe that we must stand up for the poor and afflicted in our society. We must be a force in society for good and change and when people are affected by change or something else we must be there to help them. This is what Jesus has called us as a Church and individuals to do.

Good will work good out of every bad situation, but we also have a choice as to whether we do this. The first thing that we can do is to pray. We have been called to be a church of prayer, so we can join together in prayer for all of these situations occurring around the world. We can pray for leaders and the decisions that they make. We have also been called to be a church of action, so where there is injustice and need, we must be there on the front line to help where our help is needed.

In this way when people ask 'Where is God?' they will see Him in the out workings of His children called to be disciples of Christ. **Rev Dan Beesley**

NEWS & NOTICES

DISCIPLESHIP COURSE: Jesus the Game Changer Pt 2. Continues until Nov 1st in the Chapter House. The evening starts at 7.30pm with a meal, then a video and discussion. Each evening stands alone so you can come to as many evenings as you like. For more info contact Dan on revdbeesley@gmail.com.

CHARITIES FOR 2018: The PCC has voted on our charities for 2018. Our new major charity for the next 3 years is The Children's Society, joining Gideon's Trust, ROPE and CMS. Single awards will also be made to: Christian Aid, Hamlin Fistula UK, Helen & Douglas House, The Princes Centre, Princes Risborough School Fund and Via Ninos. See the website for more info.

CHAPTER HOUSE CLEANING: We need some more helpers on our rota for cleaning the Chapter House – this is usually done on a Monday morning. The requirement is for 2 hours, once every 6 weeks. All cleaning materials provided! If you can help, please contact Kaye Lillycrop at: klillycrop@gmail.com.

LIGHTHOUSE QUIZ SHEETS: The 14th Annual quiz sheet is available from the Parish office or from Richard Hayward. Cost £1, all proceeds to Lighthouse 2018.

SPRING HARVEST 2-4 APRIL 2018, SKEGNESS: We still have 3 spare places and a 6 Berth apartment available. If you are interested in attending and would like more information concerning costs and what it's all about, please contact Vicky asap on 07850407239 or email vimtogirl@googlemail.com.

MOTHERS' UNION CHRISTMAS CARDS: These will be on display in Church until 8th October. Please place your order on the sheet provided. *Thank you, Jean Smith*

LIGHT PARTY: On Tuesday 31st Oct there will be a family party in the church, 4.30pm-6.30pm. Seasonal games for the whole family plus supper. There will also be a disco. Contact Ryan on rlromano3@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST: On 4th Nov at 8.30am there will be a women's continental breakfast with a talk by Jo Williams on faith and family. Email carroley@yahoo.co.uk

CHURCH HALL BOOKING SECRETARY/TREASURER: After many years Joy Woodward will finish in this role at the end of the year. We are looking for volunteers for either or both roles. Please contact Jim Cadwallader.

PUPPET CLUB: Please note that Puppet Club will be changing to Friday evenings from next week, starting Friday 13th October at 7pm in the Church Hall.

LEAF SWEEPING: There will be a churchyard tidy up ready for Remembrance Sunday on Sats 4th and 11th Nov. if you can help, please meet in the Churchyard at 9.30am.

AYLESBURY TOWN CHAPLAINCY: will be holding a service celebrating 5 years of Street Angels on Thurs Nov 2nd at 7.30pm at Friar's Square, Aylesbury.

This Sunday 8th October 2017, Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Sermon Series: Rooted in Prayer

Readings: 2 Timothy 1:1-6, John 17: 1-11

- 8.00am** Holy Communion at St Mary's
9.30am Parish Communion at St Mary's followed by coffee
11.15am TGIS at St Mary's
3.00pm Service at Icknield Court
6.00pm United Service Anglicans/Baptists/Methodists at St Mary's
6.00pm Pulse in the Chapter House

What's on in the week beginning Monday 9th October

- Mon 9th 3.00pm** Bereavement Drop-In in the Chapter House
Wed 11th 9.00am Wednesday Prayers at St Mary's
10.30am Holy Communion followed by coffee
7.30pm Discipleship course in the Chapter House
Thurs 12th 10.30am Coffee in the Chapter House
Fri 13th 2.00pm Nursery Service
7.00pm Puppet Club in the Parish Hall
7.30pm Mercy Ships event at the Elim Church

Next Sunday 15th October 2017, Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sermon Series: Rooted in Prayer

Readings: Ephesians 3: 14-21, Luke 9: 28-36

- 8.00am** Holy Communion at St Mary's
9.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's, Ilmer
9.30am Parish Communion at St Mary's followed by coffee
11.15am TGIS at St Mary's with Baptism
6.00pm Choral Evensong at St Mary's
6.00pm Later at the Methodist Church

Rector: Revd. David Williams 346984

Associate Minister: Revd. Michael Hunt 344150;

Curate: Revd. Dan Beesley 345521;

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Revds. Steve & Rose Williams 274225; Canon Nick Molony 273895;
Revd. Jenny Deverill 274269; **LLM:** Averil Stephenson 343649

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