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# News

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018, Sunday after Ascension Day**

**Dear Friends**

Christ Sends Us Out ...

Today's Gospel passage is Jesus' prayer for his disciples that he prayed, presumably in the Garden of Gethsemane, shortly before his arrest, trial and crucifixion. Jesus knows that he is not long for this world but that it now falls to the chosen disciples to take the message forward – to spread the word, the good news, far and wide. Over the years since then, that word has reached every part of this world but the good news still needs to be spread and shared with all. We all need to hear the good news afresh.

Jesus prays to his Father to support and strengthen the disciples in their difficult and challenging task. God does this by sending his Holy Spirit on those disciples, which we celebrate next Sunday at Pentecost.

Two words stand out towards the end of Jesus' prayer – 'Word' and 'Truth' – he prays, 'Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.' As the original disciples were prayed over in this exchange between the Father and his beloved Son, so now we can be confident that Father and Son, supported by the Holy Spirit, will be praying over us, for us to be strengthened and sanctified by the truth and the Word.

As we come to the end of the Easter season, we come to terms with the fact that Jesus' resurrection appearances, where he appeared to a considerable number of people, are over. Now that he has ascended to sit at God's right hand, he is able, through the gift and power of the Holy Spirit, to be present with each and every one of us, not just the fortunate few who were around after the resurrection.

Through the combination of the Word and Spirit of God we can each experience his presence at any time and in any place. We need to concentrate on the Word that is the Truth and cultivate our awareness of his presence with us. Then we will receive the strength and inspiration that Jesus prayed for, enabling us to go out and spread the Word with all.

**Peter Cline**

### **Collect for Sunday after Ascension**

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **PRAYER POINTS:**

- For the work of Rope, helping those living in poverty all over the world
- For Christian Aid, as we start this Christian Aid Week
- For the people of Haiti, suffering constant threat from natural disaster.
- For our Church life groups, providing valuable support and companionship.
- For Aurora Jane Brooks, being baptised today.
- For the emergency services, firefighters and paramedics working so hard.

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

Mike James, Brian Panter, Anne and Tony Eccleston, Alan and Iris Austin, Oliver Baillie, Debby Cadwallader, Gladys Page, Suzie Aries, Marion Long, John Babb, Carol and Trevor Fitch, Michael Hopkins, Philippa King, Kelly May, Gordon & Kathleen Plumridge, Joyce Bapty, Richard Heaney, Alex Lake, Bill Morgan, Dave and Hazel Sullivan, Philip and Sally Jones, Shirley and Eric Watts.

### **WE HAVE ALSO BEEN ASKED TO PRAY FOR:**

Ashleigh Nichas, Gideon, Mary Jefferies, Alex Chauhan, Keith & Judy Brambleby, Barbara Platts, Tony Mead, Hazel Boon, Jorge.

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## NEWS & NOTICES

**CHAPTER HOUSE 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** This month it will be 10 years since the Chapter House opened. To celebrate, Bishop Alan will be joining us for lunch at 1pm after the morning services on **20<sup>th</sup> May**. This will be a ticketed event. The cost is £5 for a cold buffet lunch and tickets are available from the office or Heather Hardy (347600). Bishop Alan will lead prayers of thanksgiving.

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK:** Starts today. There will be a special CTR service at 3pm at the Baptist Church this afternoon. This Christian Aid week, we are supporting the people of Haiti who regularly experience some of the worst natural disasters on earth. You can support by donating online at [www.caweek.org](http://www.caweek.org), calling 08080 006006 or texting GIVE to 70040 to give £5. Please note, the lunch was last week and is not on 17<sup>th</sup> May as advertised in Viewpoint.

**LIGHTHOUSE CRAFT:** "This year Lighthouse craft need: Wallpaper rolls (pattern doesn't matter) and glass (jam) jars suitable for holding a tea light. Please leave any donations in the crate at the back of the church. Thank you." Linda Belsham.

**ST DUNSTANS FLOWER FESTIVAL:** There will be a flower festival at St Dunstan's, Monks Risborough from 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> June. Entitled 'Eureka', it will be a celebration of British Celebrations and Inventions. See [www.stdunstanschurch.com](http://www.stdunstanschurch.com) for details.

**AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 MINUTES:** Sat June 9<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm. An evening of songs and stories at Speen Chapel with Fiona Castle and musician **Rob Halligan** in support of Global Care. Tickets from Sandy ([smitcheson@btconnect.com](mailto:smitcheson@btconnect.com)), Speen Stores or online through [www.speenchurch.org](http://www.speenchurch.org). In advance: £7.50. On the door: £10

**SPRING HARVEST 2019:** Next year St Mary's will be going to Skegness from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> -Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April. If you are interested or would like more details, please contact Vicky on 07850407239 or email: [vimgirl@googlemail.com](mailto:vimgirl@googlemail.com)

The deposits are required to be paid by 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

**PRINCES RISBOROUGH CHORAL SOCIETY:** The Summer Concerts will be held at Longwick Village Hall on the 28<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of June at 7.30 pm. Concert version of the Mikado by Gilbert and Sullivan. Tickets will be available from The Risborough Cook Shop, Art and Office, Library, or at [www.princesrisboroughchoralsociety.org](http://www.princesrisboroughchoralsociety.org)

**HOME WANTED FOR PIANO:** If you are interested in acquiring an upright piano, old but in very good condition, please contact the Office. There is no cost but you would have to be able to collect it.

**OPEN FARM PICNIC:** On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June, Neil and Jane Dyson will be having an open farm picnic at their home, Holly Green Farm, Bledlow, from 1-3pm.

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018, Sunday after Ascension Day

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

- 8.00am** Holy Communion at St Mary's  
**9.30am** Parish Communion followed by coffee  
**11.15am** TGIS including Baptism  
**3.00pm** Service at Icknield Court  
**3.00pm** CTR Christian Aid Service at the Baptist Church  
**6.00pm** Pulse in the Chapter House

### What's on in the week beginning Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May

- Mon 14<sup>th</sup>** **3.00pm** Bereavement Drop-in at the Chapter House  
**Weds 16<sup>th</sup>** **9.00am** Wednesday Prayers at St Mary's  
**10.30am** Holy Communion followed by coffee  
**11.30am** Paint and Pray in St Mary's (until 12.30pm)  
**Thurs 17<sup>th</sup>** **10.30am** Coffee in the Chapter House  
**Fri 18<sup>th</sup>** **2-3.00pm** Praise and Play session in Church and Chapter House for parents, toddlers and babies  
**7.00pm** Puppet Club in the Church Hall

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018, Pentecost Sunday

**Readings: Acts 2: 1-21, John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15**

- 8.00am** Holy Communion at St Mary's  
**9.00am** Holy Communion at St Peter's, Ilmer  
**9.30am** Parish Communion followed by coffee  
**11.15am** TGIS  
**1.00pm** Chapter House 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch  
**6.00pm** Choral Evensong at St Mary's  
**6.00pm** Later at the Methodist Church

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**Rector:** Revd. David Williams 346984

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