

Collect for Fourth Sunday after Trinity

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

PRAYER POINTS:

- For the Princes Centre
- For the migrant families being separated at the US border.
- For the starving civilian victims of the war in Yemen.
- For the elderly, sick and bereaved of our parish.
- For our school children as they enjoy the last weeks of term after exams.

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

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

WE HAVE ALSO BEEN ASKED TO PRAY FOR:

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

WE REMEMBER WITH THANKSGIVING THE LIVES OF:

Anne Eccleston, Gill Grimsey, David Sullivan, Sue Thatcher and Valerie Smethurst.

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News

Sunday 24th June 2018, Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Dear Friends

John the Baptist was a very special baby. His parents would have known that, even if the angel had not told them that he would be their " joy and delight." (Luke Chapter One.) Previously childless and getting older, the birth of this baby was a miracle for them. For Elizabeth it was the end of her disgrace at being barren. For Zechariah it was the son he had longed for, so he sang a wonderful song of praise which is well worth reading.

The angel also foretold that John would be full of the Holy Spirit and would bring God's people back to Him and prepare the way of the Lord.

As Jesus' cousin we don't know at what point John recognised Jesus as the Messiah, although he leapt in his mother's womb at the sound of Mary's voice!

John's mission was to preach repentance to the crowds who came to hear him in the wilderness and prepare their hearts to receive Jesus.

I'm sure that all our parents thought we were special too. I know I've always thought that about my children. God, who is our Heavenly Father, also thinks that each one of us is His special child. He also gives us His Holy Spirit to help us and we need to welcome Him into our lives.

We may not be called to be "a prophet of the Most High" but we are called to "prepare in the way of the Lord".

We may not preach out in the wilderness, but we can share the story of our experience of Jesus with those in our homes, at our work, at our leisure activities and in our neighbourhood.

We may not baptise anyone, but we can lead them to make a decision of faith and then pray that they do.

God needs voices crying out in the wilderness of today's world. Let's make sure we are heard.

Rose Williams

NEWS & NOTICES

CHURCH AND CHAPTER HOUSE KEYS: This is a plea for those holding keys for the Church & Chapter House to return keys no longer needed - they cost around £20 each to replace. We have an urgent need for some and I am trying to reallocate rather than buy more. Thank you for your kind help. Pete Wynn.

PRINCES CENTRE COLLECTION: Maggie Wooster needs some kind people to give an hour of their time to help with a bucket collection outside Tesco on Friday 6th July in aid of the Princes Centre refurbishments. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to help.

CHURCH OPEN EVENING, THURS 5th JULY: As part of Princes Risborough Town Festival, the Church will be open to visitors between 6pm and 8pm. We need volunteers to provide informal tours and refreshments— contact the Parish Office.

LUNCHTIME CONCERTS: As part of the Festival, there will be lunchtime concerts in Church performed by the Schools on Mon 2nd, Weds 4th, Thurs 5th and Fri 6th July. You are welcome to bring sandwiches and enjoy your lunch accompanied by the Children's music and singing. The Jingers will perform at 10.30am on the Friday.

RECTORY GARDEN PARTY 8th JULY: From 3pm – all welcome. Please bring a small plate of food to share for afternoon tea and your own chairs / rug.

FINANCING FAITH: St Mary's will be running three sessions in July to give you the opportunity to ask questions and find out more about how we ensure our income meets the needs of our Church family. The sessions will be on Tues 10th at 7.30pm, Friday 13th July at 10.30am and Sunday 15th July at 4pm. You only need to come to one session.

LADIES' BREAKFAST 9am 21st JULY: Continental Breakfast followed by a talk from Maggie Wooster: 'How the Hand of God has strengthened my faith'.

NOMINATE YOUR CHARITY: Do you have a charity you support? St Mary's gives 20% of its income to charities and they are chosen by the PCC each September. Forms detailing how to put in a nomination are on the website and by the Charities noticeboard. We welcome applications received by 12th August to the Parish Office.

COMPASSION ROADSHOW COMES TO RISBOROUGH : On Sat 30th June and Sun 1st July the Compassion Roadshow will be parked outside Elim church. Come along and experience how Compassion is helping to end childhood poverty in developing countries: see website compassionuk.org for more details.

LIGHTHOUSE: The website (www.princesrisboroughlighthouse.co.uk) is now open For registration of helpers and children. In particular, Lighthouse Keepers and site facilitators are needed.

Sunday 24th June, The Birth of John the Baptist

Readings: Isaiah 40: 1-11, Luke 1:57-66, 80

- 8.00am** Holy Communion at St Mary's
9.30am Parish Communion followed by coffee
11.00am Family Service at St Peter's, Ilmer
11.15am TGIS including Breaking of Bread
6.00pm Deeper at St Mary's

What's on in the week beginning Monday 25th June

- Weds 27th**
9.00am Wednesday Prayers at St Mary's
10.30am Holy Communion followed by coffee
7.30pm Discipleship course in the Chapter House
- Thurs 28th**
10.30am Coffee in the Chapter House
- Fri 29th**
2.00pm Praise and Play in the Chapter House
7.00pm Puppet Club in the Church Hall

Sunday 1st July, Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: James 1: 2-17, Mark 5:21-end

- 8.00am** Holy Communion at St Mary's
9.30am Parish Communion followed by coffee
11.15am TGIS
3.00pm Open Door
6.00pm Evensong at St Peter's, Ilmer

Rector: Revd. David Williams 346984

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Curate: Revd. Dan Beesley 345521;

Children's & Youth Worker: Ryan Romano 273300

Assistant Clergy: Revds. David & Nancy Wallace 290670;
Revds. Steve & Rose Williams 274225; Canon Nick Molony 273895;
Revd. Jenny Deverill 274269; **LLM:** Averil Stephenson 343649

Churchwardens: David Stephenson and Bryan Matthew