

**Collect for Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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.

**Post Communion Prayer**

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**PRAYER POINTS:**

- For Gideons Trust.
- Give thanks that the children trapped in a cave in Thailand have been rescued and are all safe and well.
- For Aylesbury Town Chaplaincy and all the work they do on the streets.
- For our Government and political leaders in this time of crisis.
- For successful relations with the US following the president's visit.
- For Courtney Henry and Cameron Mills being married at St Mary's this week

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

Linda Munson, Tony Eccleston, Debby Cadwallader, Mike James, Brian Panter, Alan and Iris Austin, Oliver Baillie, Gladys Page, Suzie Aries, Marion Long, 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 LIFE OF:**

Lord Carrington.

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# News

**Sunday 15th July 2018, Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

**“Knowing God’s Blessing through giving and tithing”- Malachi Ch.3 vv 6-10.**

When David and I became engaged we had two lives to join into one. David had just returned as a missionary, we had no savings and the need to find a home and furnish it in 6 months. Imagine my reaction when David suggested to me, a recent Christian, that we should tithe our income!

In the reading, Malachi is sent by God to Judea, which has become spiritually lukewarm, to challenge the people about their attitude to God and His work. God has not abandoned His people; but because they have been unfaithful, they have forfeited the close, warm relationship they used to have. Moreover, Malachi explains that financial giving is the test of their relationship with God. He accuses them of robbing God by withholding their tithes and offerings.

“Bring the whole tithes into the store-house” God pleads. This is a matter of faith. To give to God first is to trust God with our lives in advance. This applies the “first fruits of the Harvest” principle of the Old Testament. Everything we have comes from Him so the question is not what we are giving, but what we are withholding. God has infinite resources, but when we refuse to give generously it is as though we are putting padlocks on the gates of heaven. God’s desire is to bless His people in many, different ways. If we exercise faith and trust first then the gates of heaven are wide open.

As a church we are struggling, currently, to resource the vision and commitments the Lord has given us. I recognise, gratefully, that many do give seriously. However, I encourage us all to respond afresh to the message of Malachi as individuals and a church. Is our DNA as God’s family a spirit of generosity, and of love towards God and others? Let us pray to the Lord to see what the Spirit is saying now to St. Mary’s.

**Averil Stephenson LLM**

## NEWS & NOTICES

**LADIES' BREAKFAST:** If you have not yet signed up for the ladies breakfast on **Sat 21<sup>st</sup> July at 9am** please do so. There will be a talk from Maggie Wooster: 'How the Hand of God has strengthened my faith'. Sign the list in Church or contact the Office.

**CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER:** From this week, St Mary's will be open on Wednesday afternoons from 2-4pm for prayer, healing or just to talk.

**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.

**LIGHTHOUSE:** For all Lighthouse info, please see the Lighthouse prayer bulletin.

**DAVID:** If you would like to contribute towards David's Big Birthday Adventure to Santiago Di Compostela, which he will be starting in September, and an extra surprise, please talk to Louise. Any cheques should be addressed to PCC.

**HOLIDAY AT HOME:** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August. If you would like to come, please fill in a form and if you can help in any way, please contact Gill Wilkinson (see below).

**GAMES WANTED FOR HOLIDAY AT HOME:** Does anyone have a game of deck quoits (or similar) and a giant Jenga game that I could borrow for Holiday at Home on 7th/8th August please. If you have one please let Gill know on 01844346145 or [gill.sunfold@googlemail.com](mailto:gill.sunfold@googlemail.com) (or I am in church after 9.15 service or at TGIS) I promise to take care of them. Thank you.

**MACMILLAN MOBILE INFORMATION SUPPORT SERVICE:** provide face-to-face, free and confidential information about cancer, plus emotional support, staffed by skilled Macmillan cancer information specialists. They will be in Aylesbury (market square) on Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> July, 9-4pm and in Risborough (High Street) on Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> July (9-4pm). Information & Support drop-in for anyone with questions or worries about cancer.

**COME AND SING DAY IN THAME:** On Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Sept there will be a 'Come and Sing' day in Thame in aid of Sharing Life Trust and Wycombe Homeless connection. £20. For more details and a booking form, contact the Office.

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR:** This will be on 1<sup>st</sup> December and exhibitors are needed! Please see Heather Hardy for a form. Also, if you are making jams or pickles over the summer, please keep some to sell.

**DATABASE:** We are currently in the process of updating our database in line with the new GDPR regulations. Over the next few weeks we will be putting out envelopes in Church with forms for checking and updating. Please look out for yours.

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**Readings: Malachi 3: 6-10, John 6: 1-14**

- 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  
**4.00pm** Financing Faith, Open Session  
**6.00pm** Choral Evensong at St Mary's  
**6.00pm** Later at Methodist Church

### What's on in the week beginning Monday 16th July

- Weds 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**9.00am** Wednesday Prayers at St Mary's  
**10.30am** Holy Communion followed by coffee  
**7.30pm** Discipleship course in the Chapter House(postponed)
- Thurs 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**10.30am** Coffee in the Chapter House
- Fri 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**2.00pm** Praise and Play in the Chapter House  
**7.00pm** Puppet Club in the Church Hall
- Sat 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**9.00am** Women's breakfast in Church

### Sunday 22nd July, Eighth Sunday after Trinity

**Readings: 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15, Matthew 26: 6-13**

- 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  
**6.00pm** Deeper at St Mary's

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**Rector:** Revd. David Williams 346984

**Associate Minister:** Revd. Michael Hunt 344150;

**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