

Collect for Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen**

PRAYER POINTS:

- For Christian Aid.
- For the children of the Yemen, suffering at the hands of the Houthi Rebels.
- For our School children and teachers that they have a well-earned rest during the holidays.
- For Carly Pegg and David Coles 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, Barbara Higgins and Ann Phillips.

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, June Pritchard.

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News

Sunday 22nd July 2018, Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Dear Friends

Live Generously

In today's readings we find the theme of generosity – 'whoever sows generously will also reap generously' and 'you can be generous on every occasion.'

Sadly, it is part of human nature to want to hold on to our hard-earned money or possessions and sharing with others does not come as easily as it should. However, when we pause and consider just how generous our Father has been to us, with blessings galore in our lives, loves, family, friends and relationships, not to mention the provision of our food and so many other aspects of our lives here in Risborough which we can so easily take for granted, we should reconsider our response to such divine generosity.

In our Gospel passage Jesus is anointed with expensive perfume shortly before his trial and crucifixion. Some of those who witnessed this tender generosity failed to see what Jesus saw and said, 'Why this waste?' Jesus, however, understood what the woman intended and how she was doing what he described as 'a beautiful thing' for him and that her generosity would be remembered as long as the Gospel is preached. How wonderful to do something that is recorded and remembered for centuries!

So, at this time when our Church is facing a period of financial uncertainty, can we all carefully reconsider just how generous our God and Father is to us, his children, and reflect some of that generosity in our dealings with each other and with the Church that means so much to each one of us?

It is in God's character to be generous, kind and merciful, even (or especially) towards the ungrateful, which includes all of us. To live generously, therefore, is to respond to an initial act of generosity on the part of a God who forgoes the privileges of the divine and comes towards us and lives among us, ultimately suffering and dying 'for us'.

Peter Cline

NEWS & NOTICES

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER: St Mary's is now open on Wednesday afternoons from 2-4pm for prayer, healing or just to talk.

PRAYERS FOR LIGHTHOUSE: Jo Williams will be holding prayers for Lighthouse on Tuesday- Thursday next week (see calendar opposite). Also on Sunday 29th. People are welcome to drop by during those times to pray for however long they wish.

LIGHTHOUSE: The Commissioning service will be at 6pm in the Big Top on 29th July.

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 7th and Wednesday 8th August. If you would like to come, please fill in a form and if you can help in any way, please contact Gill Wilkinson.

NEW EVENT STARTING IN SEPTEMBER: 'for everyone's enjoyment - no fundraising, just company and laughter, to brighten up the winter evenings on the third sat of each month, starting Sept 22nd. The first evening we are planning to watch films, snaps and memories of your holidays, both funny and interesting. Please give your funny or thrilling holiday snaps/videos / or cd's of destinations near and far to Mike or Mark Drewitt who will add music and show them during the evening, to giving us a whirlwind tour of the world!!' The events team.

COME AND SING DAY IN THAME: On Sat 15th 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 1st 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.

CHINNOR CHRISTIAN AID: is holding a Country Barn Dance on **Saturday 22nd September** at **Chinnor Village Hall**, Church Road, Chinnor, OX39 4PQ. Dancing is to the popular Bodger's Wood and tickets are priced at £10 to include a hot supper. Dancing to start at 7.30 p.m. For further information please contact the Church Office.

DEEPER: NB there is no Deeper this week due to Lighthouse and end of term commitments. The next one will be in September.

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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
NB No Deeper this week

What's on in the week beginning Monday 23rd July

- Tues 24th** **9-9.30am** Prayers for Lighthouse in Church
Weds 25th **7-8.30am** Prayers for Lighthouse at the Rectory
9.00am Wednesday Prayers at St Mary's
10.30am Holy Communion followed by coffee
Thurs 26th **10.30am** Coffee in the Chapter House
10-11am Prayers for Lighthouse in the Church

Sunday 29th July, Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Ephesians 3: 14-end, John 6: 1-21

- 8.00am** Holy Communion at St Mary's
9.30am Parish Communion with speaker, Samuel Eninu, from ROPE in Uganda, followed by coffee.
11.15am TGIS with breaking of bread, and speaker, Samuel Eninu.
3-4pm Lighthouse prayers in the Big Top.
6.00pm Lighthouse Commissioning Service in the Big Top.

Rector: Revd. David Williams 346984

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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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