

**Collect for Sixth Sunday after Trinity**

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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**

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**



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with  
St Peter's  
PRINCES RISBOROUGH  
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# News

## Sunday 8th July 2018, Sixth Sunday after Trinity

I've recently been to a reunion of five of us who were the leading lights in a youth group when we were in our teens. A couple of them I had not seen for 50 years. This has set me thinking about those times and some of the things that have changed. One of the things I remember was that it was not uncommon for husbands not to tell their wives how much they earned. In fact wages and salaries were considered something you never talked about and certainly didn't ask about.

But even today money is considered a sensitive subject. Although it is a recurring topic in church councils (there's never enough) it's rarely preached about, possibly once a year. However if our teaching reflected Jesus' teaching, money would be much more to the forefront. Jesus was fully aware of its importance and the part it played in everyone's lives. The same is true today. It might be an interesting exercise to look at how much time we spend thinking about money compared to how much is focused on God.

In our reading today Zacchaeus responds to Jesus' call, by showing that he is aware of his focus when the first thing he does is to sort out his finances – giving away 50%! It's never easy for most of us to have this same single mindedness. It's natural to worry about material things including money. However many of the poorest (in monetary terms) Christians I have met who trusted these matters to God and not worried, are the ones most at peace and contented with their lives. I can't say that I've achieved it myself but Rose and I have made some pretty major financial decisions in our lives, not least training for ordination with three teenage children. Our experience has been that God has always provided and often in surprising ways.

It may not be our finances that loom largest in our concerns but whatever it is, if it is not God then we are missing out. If we are willing to put God at the top of the list then we can trust him to sort out the rest and he is the one who said that he "had come that we might have life and have it to the full".(John 10:10)

**Rev Steve Williams**

### PRAYER POINTS:

- For Via Ninos, aiming to improve the lives of street children in Equador.
- For the successful rescue of the children trapped in a cave in Thailand.
- For all migrants seeking to find a better life in Europe.
- For our Church family and clergy as we gather together today for our rectory garden party.

### 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, 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 and David Sullivan.

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## NEWS & NOTICES

**RECTORY GARDEN PARTY TODAY:** 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 this week 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. Sessions on Tues 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm, Fri 13<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am and Sun 15<sup>th</sup> July at 4pm. You only need to come to one session.

**MENS BREAKFAST:** The next men's breakfast is on **Sat 14<sup>th</sup> July at 9am** at Holly Green Farm. It will be a full English breakfast, cost £5. Tour of farm included. Contact Phil Ince on [mensbreakfast@stmarysrisborough.org.uk](mailto:mensbreakfast@stmarysrisborough.org.uk) if you can come. Speaker: Pete Wynn.

**LADIES' BREAKFAST:** **Sat 21<sup>st</sup> July at 9am**, with a talk from Maggie Wooster: 'How the Hand of God has strengthened my faith'. Please sign list in Church if going.

**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.

**HELEN AND DOUGLAS HOUSE:** 'On 21<sup>st</sup> June we heard the devastating news that, due to staff shortages and lack of income, Douglas House has had to close. Please pray for the teenagers and their families who have lost this wonderful facility. May I urge you to keep supporting Helen House (providing hospice care for 0-18 year olds) through your donations to the Penny Fund, buying cards, donating to and buying from the local shop etc. Thank you for all your help.' Frances Ibell.

**FUNERAL:** The funeral of Anne Eccleston, wife of Tony, will be at Weston Turville on 12<sup>th</sup> July at 11.30am.

**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:** 19<sup>th</sup> July (Aylesbury Market) and 20<sup>th</sup> July (Risborough High St) 9-4 drop-in. See poster for details.

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**Readings: Psalm 48, Luke 19:1-10**

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

### What's on in the week beginning Monday 9th July

- Mon 9<sup>th</sup>** **3.00pm** Bereavement Drop-in at the Chapter House  
**Tues 10<sup>th</sup>** **7.30pm** Financing Faith Open Session  
**Weds 11<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  
**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup>** **10.30am** Coffee in the Chapter House  
**Fri 13<sup>th</sup>** **10.30am** Financing Faith, Open Session  
**2.00pm** Praise and Play in the Chapter House  
**7.00pm** Puppet Club in the Church Hall  
**Sat 14<sup>th</sup>** **9.00am** Men's Breakfast in Church Hall

### Sunday 15th July, Seventh Sunday after Trinity

**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

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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  
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