

Collect for Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

PRAYER POINTS:

- For Hamlin Fistula UK.
- For those suffering as a result of the earthquake in Indonesia.
- For all those suffering as a result of the extreme heat across the world.
- For the elderly, frail and sick of this parish.
- For Rob Fawdon and Adina Hurubean married this week at St Mary's.

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

Alexander Torrance, Linda Munson, Tony Eccleston, Debby Cadwallader, Brian Panter, Alan and Iris Austin, Oliver Baillie, Gladys Page, Suzie Aries, 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 LIVES OF:

Lord Carrington, June Pritchard and Daphne Adams.

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News

Sunday 12th August 2018, Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Dear Friends,

In February 1944, Corrie ten Boom, a middle-aged watchmaker living in Haarlem, was arrested and eventually sent to Ravensbruck concentration camp. She and her family had been sheltering Jewish and other people from persecution and providing them with an escape route from Holland. As a devout Christian, after the war she continued to give witness to how her faith sustained her during these desperate times. In a church in Munich she came face to face with one of her SS guards from the camp. Smiling broadly, he held out his hand to her:

“His hand was thrust out to shake mine. And I, who had preached so often...the need to forgive, kept my hand by my side. Even as the angry, vengeful thoughts boiled inside me, I saw the sin of them. Jesus Christ had died for this man; was I going to ask for more? Lord Jesus, I prayed, forgive me and help me to forgive him. I tried to smile, I struggled to raise my hand. I could not. I felt nothing, not the slightest spark of warmth or charity. And so again, I breathed a silent prayer. Jesus, I cannot forgive him. Give me your forgiveness. As I took his hand the most incredible thing happened. From my shoulder along my arm and through my hand a current seemed to pass from me to him, while into my heart sprang a love for this stranger that almost overwhelmed me. And so I discovered that it is not on our goodness that that the world's healing hinges but on His. When He tells us to love our enemies, He gives along with the command, the love itself.”*

Here is a very moving example of what Paul is telling the Christians in Ephesus in our first reading today: “Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” (Ephesians 4:32) We may not have suffered such terrible wrongs as Corrie ten Boom but her example shows that no situation is beyond the reach of God's all-encompassing love and forgiveness.

Debby Cadwallader

* Corrie ten Boom *The Hiding Place* Hodder & Stoughton 2004

NEWS & NOTICES

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

HOLIDAY AT HOME: A big thank you to everyone who helped in any way with this year's Holiday at Home, we couldn't do it without you. It was a huge success, maybe the best so far, so thank you.

CHARITIES AWARDS UPDATE: Please see the noticeboard for an update on our charities awards.

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.

RYAN: If you would like to contribute to Ryan's leaving present, please give your donation to Stella, Louise or Hazel.

DATABASE: Don't forget to pick up your database envelope and return your form as soon as you can.

HELEN HOUSE: An armchair travel quiz in aid of Helen House is available from the shop in Duke Street and from Frances Ibell.

HISTORIC CHURCHES BIKE RIDE: This is on Saturday September 8th. If you would like to take part or help meet and greet, please contact Michael Hoey.

MENS BREAKFAST: The next Men's breakfast will be on September 8th at 9am in the Church Hall.

TIME TO REMEMBER: On Sunday 9th September at 3pm there will be a special service to remember loved ones no longer with us. If you can help with distribution of the letters, please take them from the table in Church.

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

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 Lyn Watts on 01844 352888.

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.

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Readings: Ephesians 4: 25-5:2, John 6: 35, 41-51

8.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's
9.30am Parish Communion followed by coffee
11.15am TGIS

What's on in the week beginning Monday 13th August

Mon 13th **3.00pm** Bereavement Drop In in the Chapter House
Weds 15th **9.00am** Wednesday Prayers at St Mary's
10.30am Holy Communion followed by coffee
2-4pm Church open for prayer
Thurs 16th **10.30am** Coffee in the Chapter House

Sunday 19th August, Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Ephesians 5: 15-20, John 6: 51-58

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
3.00pm Service at Icknield Court

SUMMER BREAK: Please note there will be no children's groups during August, though there will be craft and sport activities during TGIS. Pulse, Later, Puppet Club and Praise and Play also take a break in August.

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