

Collect for Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen



St Mary's
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News

Sunday 19th August 2018, Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Dear Friends,

Is this 'Sensible Sunday'?

The BBC broadcaster Charlotte Smith is normally associated with country or farming programmes. However, a week or so ago, she presented a radio 4 programme entitled 'Charlotte Smith is sensible'. Well, she was head girl at school and other mothers loved her. Now, in her early fifties, she is a sensible parent, always thinking of waterproof clothing and a Plan B.

Her quest was, is it really sensible to be sensible. She did admit that most of the people she liked were cool, brave, edgy and dynamic. One of her interviewees was a German director of a centre for risk literacy. He said that, in Germany, to be 'sensible' is a compliment. Taking a big picture view, he asserted that where politicians are no longer good managers or good people and where the general public is mostly 'risk illiterate', we need more of it. His concern was with the rather superficial, populist movement where truth and 'experts' don't really matter. It is a world lacking in vision and prophecy.

As we have had four weeks of John chapter 6, we may well have had enough of the 'bread of life' imagery (however good that indeed is). Today's readings have a common theme of the importance of wisdom and prophecy. The gifts of insight and discernment are vital for both the individual and the community. In Proverbs, Wisdom offers a meal to which those needing insight are invited. Ephesians reminds us of our former foolishness and emphasises the need for discernment; while, in John, the crowd had still failed to discern the significance of Jesus.

In his letter to Christians in Ephesus, Paul reminds his readers that wisdom is not to be found in superficial pleasure. Rather, Paul encourages us to make a real effort in positive discovery and positive experience. To seek to discern God's will is good for our understanding as well as giving indications of how we should best act. Even our worship should appeal to the mind as well as to the spirit.

Rev Nick Malony

PRAYER POINTS:

- For ROPE and CMS Uganda.
- For the families affected by the bridge collapse in Italy.
- For all those suffering as a result of the bombings in Kabul.
- For our clergy, retired clergy and LLMs.
- For all school children receiving exam results at this time.

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

Alexander Torrance, 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 & 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 Gill and everyone who helped in any way with this year's Holiday at Home. Everyone had such a great time, we have had lots of great comments! So thank you very much Gill, your hard work was really appreciated.

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

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

HISTORIC CHURCHES BIKE RIDE: Saturday 8th September – You can help in **3** ways: **1** – You can come out and **cycle or walk** to some local churches, having raised sponsorship for the Historic Churches. **2** – You can **greet** at St Mary's for a while to check and encourage other cyclists. **3** – You can **sponsor** the intrepid cyclists/walkers (a fixed sum or per church visited). Or you can **do all 3!!** If you prefer to **walk**, start at 10 o'clock at the Baptist Church. It should be a fine day to cycle around the local churches this year and raise money while enjoying the countryside. Please see Michael Hoey (01844-275192) or Val Stattersfield (01844-275014) if you would like to help in **any** way.

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 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

What's on in the week beginning Monday 20th August

- Weds 22nd** **9.00am** Wednesday Prayers at St Mary's
10.30am Holy Communion followed by coffee
2-4pm Church open for prayer
Thurs 23rd **10.30am** Coffee in the Chapter House

Sunday 26th August, Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Ephesians 6: 10-20, John 6: 56-69

- 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

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