

Collect for Thirteenth Sunday after**Trinity**

Almighty God,
 you search us and know us:
 may we rely on you in strength
 and rest on you in weakness,
 now and in all our days;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, you feed your
 children with the true manna,
 the living bread from heaven:
 let this holy food sustain us
 through our earthly pilgrimage
 until we come to that place
 where hunger and thirst are no
 more; through Jesus Christ our
 Lord. **Amen**



St Mary's
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 PRINCES RISBOROUGH
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News

Sunday 26th August 2018, Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Dear Friends

You need protective equipment when faced with what can harm. Put on the goggles, the ear defenders, safety helmet or whatever is needed. When life gets rough and you feel under spiritual attack, what protection can you use? What helps you be ready for this week's challenges and stay faithful to Christ? This Sunday's reading (Ephesians 6: 10 – 20) is about relying on the Lord's strength, not your own. To resist a spiritual enemy, St Paul tells us to put on *"the whole armour of God"*.

This defensive armour starts with *"the belt of truth"*. To stand firm as Christians is to stand on the truth of Christian faith – who Jesus is, his teaching, his death for our sins and his resurrection. Then there's *"the breastplate of righteousness"*. We stand firm as forgiven sinners, accepting God's gift of righteousness, allowing the Spirit to produce godly fruit in our lives. Also needed are the shoes of *"the gospel of peace"*, readiness to share the good news of Christ. We also need *"the shield of faith"*, shared faith in Christ and the personal faith we have to take up and exercise to be able to stand firm. We can't do without *"the helmet of salvation"*, the reality that we've been saved by God's grace, through faith. We are being saved and will be saved when Christ comes again. We take up *"the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God"*, not to use aggressively against people, but to stand firm in faith. We use the Bible to teach us God's ways, remind us of God's promises and get hope and encouragement from the examples of people of God.

Just as we need to recognise that our enemy is the spiritual enemy of evil, so we need to know our commander in the spiritual battle. It is God who helps us stand when life gets rough and we fear falling. Paul tells us to *"pray in the Spirit at all times"*. As we go on being filled with the Holy Spirit, we will be able to stand firm, even if we feel at our weakest, because we stand in the Lord's strength, not our own.

Nancy Wallace

PRAYER POINTS:

- For Gideon's Trust.
- For all who have lost loved ones and for those families who have lost their homes and all their belongings in the monsoon floods in Kerala State India.
- For the people of Venezuela who are in a desperate situation at this time.
- For Ryan as he prepares to start his new career in teaching.
- For Jean as she prepares to move to Cornwall.
- For all school children receiving GCSE results.

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:

Daphne Adams, Linda Lawrence and Bishop Peter Nott.

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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.

JEAN: Today is Jean Smith's last Sunday with us as she is moving to be near her son.

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.

SEPTEMBER VIEWPOINT: Now available in church. Pick up a copy (only 40p, into the box in the pillar by the door). Lots of interesting articles and the diary of all church events in September.

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

TIME TO REMEMBER: On Sunday 9th September at 3pm there will be a special service to remember loved ones no longer with us. Please tell anyone who might be interested. Refreshments after the service.

CHINNOR CHRISTIAN AID: is holding a Country Barn Dance on **Saturday 22nd September** at **Chinnor Village Hall**, Church Road, Chinnor, OX39 4PQ. For further information please contact Lyn Watts on 01844 352888.

LADIES' BREAKFAST: The next Ladies' Breakfast will be on Sat 29th September at 9am and the speaker will be Louise Fell 'Keeping Faith through Adoption'.

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.

ROPE WOMEN WALKING FOR WOMEN: On 15th September, there is a walk for women in aid of widows in Cameroon. It is a 10 mile walk, 10-4pm and starts from Speen Baptist Church. Refreshments en route and a pub lunch. Tea afterwards. If you would like more info or to sign up, go to www.rope.org.uk.

ST MARY'S BIG NIGHT OUT: Starts September 22nd at 6pm. Join us for a night of good company and laughter. Families welcome. The first one will be about sharing holiday memories, good or bad! If you have any amusing (or not!) photos or videos you would like to share, send them to Hazel at wynnfamily@btinternet.com.

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

What's on in the week beginning Monday 27th August

- Weds 29th** **9.00am** Wednesday Prayers at St Mary's
10.30am Holy Communion followed by coffee
2-4pm Church open for prayer
Thurs 30th **10.30am** Coffee in the Chapter House

Sunday 2nd September, Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-9, Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

- 8.00am** Holy Communion at St Mary's
9.30am Parish Communion followed by coffee
3.00pm Open Door, a Back to School tea in the Chapter House
11.15am TGIS
6.00pm Evensong at St Peter's, Ilmer

SUMMER BREAK: Please note there will be no children's groups during August, though there will be craft and sport activities during TGIS. 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