

Collect for Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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 willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

PRAYER POINTS:

- For The Children's Society.
- For those suffering as a result of the fires in California.
- For the people of Zimbabwe, that they may see a better future for their country.
- For our Church community and for all those helping with and attending Holiday at Home.
- For Meredith Woods being baptised today at St Mary's.
- For the NHS, paramedics and emergency services, always there when we need them.

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

Alexander Torrance, 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 LIVES OF:

Lord Carrington, June Pritchard and Daphne Adams.

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News

Sunday 5th August 2018, Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Dear Friends

In *The Christ of the Indian Road*, a book written by the great Methodist missionary Eli Stanley Jones in 1925, he records how, in one of his many conversations with Ghandi, he asked him what would be the best way to contextualise Christianity in India. In response, Ghandi said, "I would suggest first of all that all of you Christians...begin to live more like Jesus Christ".

Despite all the advances in science, medicine, technology, social care and human rights, we only have to look around us, or read the latest news stories, to see that we live in a broken world. The range of problems both in this country and around the world seem bigger than ever. Yet what if all the social, political and technological problems we are experiencing are connected to the same root cause? What if Oswald J. Smith, the Canadian Church Leader, was right when he said: "The heart of the human problem is the problem of the human heart"? Could it be that a truthful yet challenging diagnosis would tell us that a change in our lifestyles would make all the difference?

Living in a society that spends much of its time considering well-being and lifestyle choices, is not one of the challenges for the Christian Church to equip and enable its members to *live* out their faith? To demonstrate to others the difference faith makes, something we have really enjoyed doing this week at Lighthouse! Thankfully, in this Sunday's reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians, he addresses this issue by referring to the four great characteristics of a Christian life – humility, gentleness, patience and love. He reminds us that there is hope if we listen to this diagnosis, personally apply his prescription of living more Christ-like lives, and adjust our lifestyles accordingly.

May we be a voice and not just an echo!

David Williams, Rector

NEWS & NOTICES

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.

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

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: 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 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.

TIME TO REMEMBER: On Sunday 9th September at 3pm there will be a special service to remember loved ones no longer with us.

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: 1-16, John 6: 24-35

- 8.00am** Holy Communion at St Mary's
9.30am Parish Communion followed by coffee
11.15am TGIS with baptism of Meredith Woods
3.00pm Open Door, a picnic tea in the Chapter House
6.00pm Evensong at St Peter's, Ilmer

What's on in the week beginning Monday 6th August

- Tues 7th** **10-4pm** Holiday at Home in Church
Weds 8th **10-4pm** Holiday at Home in Church
9.00am Wednesday Prayers at St Mary's
10.30am Holy Communion followed by coffee in the Chapter House
Thurs 9th **10.30am** Coffee in the Chapter House

Sunday 12th August, Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

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

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.

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