

Collect for the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever.

Amen



St Mary's
with
St Peter's
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News

Sunday 30th September 2018, Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Dear Friends

In today's readings we find a variety of themes – but underlying them is a sense of being put to the test. If we are going to make it as practising Christians, there are certain standards we must meet.

In our Old Testament reading from Numbers, the children of Israel have left Egypt behind and are journeying through the wilderness under the leadership of Moses. God has plans for these people or he wouldn't have rescued them from slavery in Egypt. But God wants his chosen people to be up for the job he has planned for them – to arrive in and occupy the Promised Land and there to be fruitful and multiply. To do that successfully, they will need to have faith in God, be obedient to God and be prepared to wait on God as he works his purposes out – just as true for us today as it was for the Israelites some 3,450 years ago.

But the people are complaining bitterly – manna every day! They remembered the variety of food that was available in Egypt (though, as slaves, they probably saw very little of it), but in so doing they were being incredibly ungrateful for the gracious gift of heavenly food that God was providing for them, fresh every morning! They had failed God's tests of faith and obedience, not to mention gratitude!

If we read on we see that God was far from pleased but he gave the people what they asked for – plentiful meat in the form of quail ... but it made them ill and the complainers were buried there in the desert and never saw the Promised Land.

God was more merciful to Moses, however, and saved him from the sole responsibility of lone leadership and gave him seventy elders to share the load of managing all these troublesome people as they journeyed towards the Promised Land.

Moses passed his test of faith and obedience. How do you think we would fare?

Peter Cline

PRAYER POINTS:

- For The Children's Society
- For all families of the victims of the ferry disaster in Africa.
- For migrants risking their lives to get to a safe haven in Europe.
- For all those effected by the contaminated blood scandal.
- For David as he reaches the end of his first week of his pilgrimage.

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

Jeffrey and Joy John, Tony Eccleston, Brian Panter, Alan and Iris Austin, Oliver Baillie, Gladys Page, Suzie Aries, Michael Hopkins, Kelly May, Gordon & Kathleen Plumridge, Joyce Bapty, Richard Heaney, Alex Lake, Hazel Sullivan, Philip and Sally Jones, Shirley and Eric Watts, Barbara Higgins and Ken McMurray.

WE HAVE ALSO BEEN ASKED TO PRAY FOR:

Ashleigh Nichas, Gideon, Mary Jefferies, Alex Chauhan, Keith & Judy Brambleby, Barbara Platts, Tony Mead, Hazel Boon, Jorge, Peter Braithwaite.

WE REMEMBER WITH THANKSGIVING THE LIFE OF:

Carol Fitch.

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NEWS & NOTICES

CHARITIES UPDATE: The PCC have voted on *the charities for 2019*.

Major award:- CMS-Uganda (Nicci Maxwell) **Minor awards -:** 1. Christian Aid. 2. London City Mission. 3. Mercy Ships 4. ROPE 5. Hamlin Fistula. 6. Helen and Douglas House. 7. The Princes Centre. Christian Aid had the second highest vote and will receive a single major award due to ending awards to Gideon's Trust.

AUTUMN DISCIPLESHIP COURSE: This starts this week on Wednesday. Entitled 'Letters to the Exiles' and based on the film series 'For the Life of the World'. Time 7.30pm. Starts with a hot meal. Contact Dan on revdbeesley@gmail.com.

ALL SOULS DAY: will be celebrated on Weds 31st Oct at 10.30am. Please add names to the list in Church of those you would like to be remembered in this service.

ALL HALLOWS EVE LIGHT PARTY: This will be on weds 31st Oct from 4.30pm to 6.30pm. Games and activities for children. Let Stella (stella.upton@btinternet.com) or Gill (gill.sunfold@googlemail.com) know if you are coming or if you can help before or on the day.

ST MARY'S BIG NIGHT OUT! The next event will be on Sat 27th Oct at 6pm and will be a board games night! Great fun and all welcome. Drinks and snacks available for sale or bring your own. Contact Hazel at wynnfamily@btinternet.com for details.

CHILDREN'S WORK SOS: We need you! The Sunday Children's groups need more helpers and leaders. Please consider if this is a ministry that you could help with, no experience necessary, resources provided, and rewards immeasurable. Contact Stella Upton 342129 or church office for more information.

PRAYER BREAKFAST: On Sat Oct 6th from 8am, there will be a prayer breakfast at Princes Risborough Methodist Church. Everyone welcome.

WEBSITE: We need someone to take over the updating of the website. If this is something you think you may be able to help with or for more information on what this entails please contact Hilary Derbyshire or the Church Office.

2019 CHURCH DIARIES: Are now available. Cost £1. See box on top of pigeon holes.

JOB VACANCY: There is a full-time job vacancy for a Christian to join the team as communications officer at Wycombe Homeless Connection. See their website for details: <http://www.wyhoc.org.uk/news>

PROGRAMME TO WATCH: On Friday 5 October, at 9pm, CAP (Christians against Poverty) and some of our 600 partner churches are the subject of the BBC2 documentary *The Debt Saviours*. The programme profiles the work of the UK Church caring for the poor and rescuing people from debt across the UK.

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Readings: Numbers 11: 4-6, 10-16, 24-29, Mark 9: 38-end

8.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's
9.30am Parish Communion followed by coffee
11.15am TGIS
3.00pm Open Door, a harvest tea in the Chapter House

What's on in the week beginning Monday 1st October

Weds 3rd
9.00am Wednesday Prayers at St Mary's
10.30am Holy Communion followed by coffee
2-4pm Church open for prayer
7.30pm Autumn Discipleship course in Chapter House
Thurs 4th
10.30am Coffee in the Chapter House
Fri 5th
2.00pm Praise and Play in the Chapter House
7.00pm Puppet Club in the Church Hall

Sunday 7th October, Harvest Festival

Readings: Joel 2: 21-27, Matthew 6: 25-33

8.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's
9.30am Parish Communion followed by coffee
11.15am TGIS
1.00pm Harvest Bring and Share Lunch in Church
6.00pm Harvest Evensong in St Peter's, Ilmer

NB: Harvest Lunch: Please sign the sheet in Church if you can come. Please bring donations of non-perishable food for Saunderton Lodge and CAP.

Rector: Revd. David Williams 346984

Associate Minister: Revd. Michael Hunt 344150;

Curate: Revd. Dan Beesley 345521;

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