

Collect for the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



St Mary's
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PRINCES RISBOROUGH
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News

Sunday 16th September 2018, Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Dear Friends

I'm just old enough to just remember the first Stewardship Campaigns. Before that the collection bag came round and coins and notes were put in. Then these campaigns were started and organisations set up to come round and promote them in the parishes. Stewardship suppers were held and people encouraged to have a box of envelopes for their regular weekly giving – a radical innovation. I remember my father having a list of people he had to go and visit to promote the scheme. I was too young to be involved but my memory is that it was only about money, not about stewardship of anything else, but I may be wrong.

Fortunately stewardship is now seen in its full meaning – time, talents and resources – although one feels that the issue of money does often dominate. Jesus, of course, does not fall into this trap. This week we are looking at the parable of the sheep and the goats. When Jesus welcomes the sheep there are obviously financial resources that have been used to make some of their actions possible. But it's not only about giving money to the needy so that they can sort themselves out. The hungry were fed, so the implication is that there was cooking, serving and washing up. The stranger invited in, so we are talking about hospitality and opening our homes. The giving of clothes, the tending of someone who is sick and the time taken to visit someone in prison are all mentioned.

So stewardship includes our time, our talents and our money and note the order. For those who struggle to make ends meet our financial giving may be difficult to resolve but for most of us that is probably not the case. I would suggest that it may be the use of our time that we tend to gloss over. We live in a society where the pressures on our time, despite so many time saving devices, seems to be ever present! A careful review of how we use all our time is essential, including things we need to give up to ensure we live a balanced life.

So please do use this time to carry out a serious review of your stewardship in all its aspects.

Rev Steve Williams

PRAYER POINTS:

- For Via Ninos, supporting vulnerable children in Equador.
- For all migrants, seeking a new life in a place of safety.
- For David as he sets out on his pilgrimage this week.
- For Paul Edwards and Rosie Seymour, being married this week at St Mary's.
- For all young people starting out on a new adventure: new school, new college or university or new job.
- For all those being confirmed by Bishop Alan today at Long Crendon.

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

Jeffrey and Joy John, Alexander Torrance, 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 and Barbara Higgins.

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 LIVES OF:

Douglas (known as Dick) Hands.

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NEWS & NOTICES

HISTORIC CHURCHES BIKE RIDE 2018: We raised over **£850**, with **2** cyclists visiting variously between them 45 churches on Sat 8th. Our 11 friendly welcomers took turns to meet the **52** visiting cyclists and walkers. A wet start put some off, but a dry day followed. Gift Aid is still to come. Congratulations and thanks to all who supported the event. **Michael Hoey**

ST MARY'S BIG NIGHT OUT: On Sat 22nd Sept at 6pm. This will now be a film night. We will be showing the film 'Cool Runnings'. Anton will be selling Hot Chocolate, Ice Cream and Popcorn. No need to book, just turn up.

NATIONAL PRAYER WEEKEND: As part of this event, St Mary's will be holding an Evening of Prayer on Friday 28th September from 7.30pm to 9.15pm. During the evening, there will be a talk entitled 'Focus on Prayer and Healing' by Revd Michael McDonald-Woodhall. There will also be quiet reflection, worship-led contemplation, prayer stations, plus an informal Holy Communion. All welcome. There will also be a prayer walk on Sat 29th at 11am, see flyer in Church.

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'. Please sign the sheet in Church if you wish to attend or contact the Office or Jo Williams.

HARVEST LUNCH: There will be a harvest bring and share lunch on **Sunday 7th October** at 1pm. Please sign the sheet in Church if you can come.

AUTUMN DISCIPLESHIP COURSE: This starts on Weds October 3rd and finishes on Weds 14th November and is entitled 'For the Life of the World'. Time 7.30pm. Starts with a hot meal. For details please contact Dan on revdbeesley@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S WORK SOS: We need you! The Sunday Children's groups have been running at crisis point for over a year now, we need more helpers and leaders, there may be Sundays that we are unable to run all of our age groups. The Church continues to hold this ministry as a priority and is looking at different ways of providing for our children and young people. 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.

OUTDOOR CINEMA: At 3pm on 22nd Sept, the town council will be showing the film 'Moana'. £8 adult, £4.50 child. See events page on town council website to book.

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Readings: James 4, 13-16, Matthew 25: 31-46

- 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
6.00pm Choral Evensong at St Mary's
6.00pm Later at the Methodist Church

What's on in the week beginning Monday 17th September

- Weds 19th** **9.00am** Wednesday Prayers at St Mary's
10.30am Holy Communion followed by coffee
2-4pm Church open for prayer
Thurs 20th **10.30am** Coffee in the Chapter House
Fri 21st **2.00pm** Praise and Play
7.00pm Puppet Club
Sat 22nd **6.00pm** St Mary's Big Night Out, a film night in Church

Sunday 23rd September, Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: 2 Corinthians 8: 1-5, 13-15, 9:12-15. Luke 18:18-30

- 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
6.00pm Deeper at St Mary's

NB: The next Open Door will be on September 30th at 3pm

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