



St Mary's
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PRINCES RISBOROUGH
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News

Sunday 9th September 2018, Patronal Festival

Dear Friends

Psalm 24 is one to raise our spirits and inspire us to praise. Five times God is hailed as "The King of Glory". Imagine this being sung in triumphal procession to the Temple. No one is more glorious or deserving of our worship and thanks than the God of Glory. He created the whole world and owns it for ever. The gates of the Temple are encouraged to stand wide to let God into His entitled space.

St Paul tells us three times in 1 Corinthians that we are God's temples; beings in which the Holy Spirit wants to live. So do we feel like cheering as we welcome the King of Glory into our very selves? Or does it feel more like making the supreme personal effort of pushing open the creaking doors of our lives, just a crack, to let in what little light we can?

We don't need to!

God is waiting to flood our lives with the light of His Spirit. He only needs us to say a word of welcome and He will throw open the doors for us and make His entrance.

At this time of our Patronal Festival, we remember the birth of Mary the mother of Jesus. A young girl challenged by an angel to open the doors of her life for an awe-inspiring task. Her reply was, "I am the Lord's servant. May it be to me as you have said."

What a brave reply! Are we brave enough to echo it? Remember that Psalm 24 v.5, reassures us that God is mighty and strong and never defeated. With His power available to us and His presence with us, we can never fail or be destroyed.

Rev Rose Williams

Collect for the Patronal Festival

Almighty and everlasting God, who stooped to raise fallen humanity through the child-bearing of blessed Mary: grant that we, who have seen your glory revealed in our human nature and your love made perfect in our weakness, may daily be renewed in your image and conformed to the pattern of your Son Jesus Christ 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 most high, whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh: we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption you visit us with your Holy Spirit and overshadow us by your power; strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

PRAYER POINTS:

- For Princes Risborough School.
- For all families who have lost their homes in the typhoon in Japan.
- For the people of Yemen, suffering as a result of the war.
- For Noah and Max Beazley being baptised today.
- For Rev Norbert Mutuku and his family, moving into Bledlow this week.
- For David as he goes off on his pilgrimage.
- For the policemen and women, working hard to keep our streets safe.

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

Alexander Torrance, Tony Eccleston, 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:

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:

Bishop Peter Nott and Douglas (known as Dick) Hands.

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NEWS & NOTICES

TIME TO REMEMBER: This afternoon 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.

MESSAGE FROM JEAN: Jean has been in touch and has settled in well. She has a lovely flat and is already busy socially! She will be writing individual thank yous but sends a big thank you to everyone, especially Anton for the amazing cake!

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.

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. During the evening, there will be a talk by Rev Michael McDonald-Woodhall. All welcome. Further details from Jo Williams or Michael Hunt.

UPDATE FROM NICCI MAXWELL FROM CMS: Please see the notice board for the latest news from Nicci, our CMS link in Uganda.

GOOD NEWS FROM UGANDA: Thanks to donations from Rope, Youth Action in Uganda are now able to drill another borehole in Soroti. When this is done, Rope in conjunction with YAU, will have drilled a total of three boreholes in Soroti and Napak. This is great news and means many more people can have access to safe drinking water. Please see the notice board for the news and latest pictures.

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'.

HARVEST LUNCH: There will be a harvest bring and share lunch on **Sunday 7th October** at 1pm so please put this date in your diaries.

HELEN HOUSE: Thank you to everyone who bought a quiz in aid of Helen House. The winner was Sue Potter of Princes Risborough. The answers to the quiz are displayed in the shop.

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.

THE DOOR: The autumn issue of the Door is now available in Church. There are lots of interesting articles, so do take a copy.

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Readings: Psalm 24, Luke 12: 22-32

- 8.00am** Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 9.30am** Parish Communion followed by coffee
- 11.15am** TGIS including baptism
- 3.00pm** Time To Remember Service at St Mary's
- 3.00pm** Service at Icknield Court
- 6.00pm** United Service Anglican/Methodist/Baptist at Baptist Church

What's on in the week beginning Monday 10th September

- Mon 10th** **3.00pm** Bereavement Drop-in in the Chapter House
- Weds 12th** **9.00am** Wednesday Prayers at St Mary's
- 10.30am** Holy Communion followed by coffee
- 2-4pm** Church open for prayer
- Thurs 13th** **10.30am** Coffee in the Chapter House
- Fri 14th** **2.00pm** Praise and Play
- 7.00pm** Puppet Club

Sunday 16th September, Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

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