

### Collect for the Second Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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 see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



St Mary's  
with  
St Peter's  
PRINCES RISBOROUGH  
& ILMER

# News

## Sunday 17th March 2019, Sunday Next before Lent

**After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. Luke 10:1**

The welcoming of new Princes Risborough residents has begun! In line with St Mary's priority to extend the hand of fellowship to the people moving into the many new housing developments around our town, the *Big Welcome* began on Saturday afternoon last week. A small group met in St Mary's where there was prayer for a successful event of welcoming and then we set off, in pairs, to Goodearl Place on Picts Lane. Each pair was armed with welcome bags containing a St Mary's welcome leaflet plus other local information leaflets provided by the Library, a jar of jam (some homemade) with an additional welcome label on it and a bar of locally made chocolate with a welcome message from St Mary's. In addition, they had the numbers of the houses or apartments that they were to visit, so that they could take any notes or record if no-one was home.

Once at Goodearl Place, the group was met by our own members, Michael and Eileen, who moved to the site over a year ago. They have spent the last year getting to know neighbours which made the welcome easier because of the ground work they had already put in. This was an important lesson because the two prongs of welcome seemed to have a multiplier effect on the people we spoke to.

Over the course of a couple of hours, there were doorstep chats to residents, bags left at doors where the residents were not at home, plus tea and coffee drunk and hot cross buns consumed in the kind hospitality of Eileen's home. This was the first of many welcoming events. There are more in the planning at Eaves Court and Chiltern Lodge on Aylesbury Road. Later this year, many new people will be moving into the housing developments in Longwick and Risborough. If you are moved to be part of the *Big Welcome*, please let the office know: it's a wonderful opportunity to be part of something exciting.

**He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few". Luke 10:2**

### PRAYER POINTS:

- For CMS Uganda.
- For all those suffering from extreme hardship and poverty in Venezuela.
- For our Prime Minister, David Lidington and our Government as they seek to find a way forward in the Brexit negotiations.
- For the families of the children killed in the Lagos school collapse.
- For the families of the victims of the Ethiopian plane crash
- For the frail, sick and elderly of our parish.

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

Stephen Upton, John Hardy, Janet Rand, Mary Kent, Sue List, Tony Eccleston, 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:

Libby, Lisa and Russell Squire, Arabella Smith, Peter Covell, Ashleigh Nichas, Gideon, Mary Jefferies, Keith & Judy Brambleby, Barbara Platts, Tony Mead, Hazel Boon, Jorge, Peter Braithwaite, Michael George, Helena Oecken, Bill Moses and Annie.

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## NEWS & NOTICES

**LENT RESOURCES:** Still available. Please see our Lent resources table by the main door where there are various items for purchase.

**LENT COURSE:** Revd Michael Hunt will be running a lent course on four Tuesdays, starting 19<sup>th</sup> March in the Chapter House. On the course, Michael will be considering what it means to turn to Christ and the four key questions we affirm at Baptism.

Do you turn to Christ? Do you believe and Trust in God the Father, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit? For more information, contact Michael at [midahunt@googlemail.com](mailto:midahunt@googlemail.com)

**LADIES BREAKFAST:** The next ladies breakfast will be on Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 9am. This time, David will be speaking on 'Travelling with Jesus on the Camino'. Please sign the list in Church if you would like to come.

**EASTER CARDS:** In aid of Helen House will be available from 13<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> March. Also, springtime quiz, cost £1. Thank you for your support. Frances Ibell.

**GIVING AND TAX :** If you would like to support the running of our church, please consider regular giving. Are you or your spouse a tax-payer? If so, the church could gain an **extra 25p per £1** if you agree to "**GiftAid**" your giving; you still pay the same, but the church reclaims the income tax from the Revenue. For you, the process is very simple. Please pick up one of the little blue "Giving" leaflets in church or speak to Michael Hoey (275 192).

**GIVING ENVELOPES:** The giving envelopes for April 2019-2020 are now ready for collection in church. Thank you. Carole

**AYLESBURY DEANERY 'CHILDREN AND CHURCH':** The second part of this series will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.45pm at Circus Field Canal Basin, Stocklake, Aylesbury, HP20 1AP. The evening is entitled 'Growing a lot with a little'. To register, please go to [aylesburydeanery-children.eventbrite.co.uk](http://aylesburydeanery-children.eventbrite.co.uk)

**BIBLE JOURNALING:** On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March from 12 -2 pm, come and experience the bible in a new way. Contact Sheila Hazel at [s.hazell@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:s.hazell@yahoo.co.uk) for more info.

**PRCS:** PRCS will be joining with Marlow Choral Society to sing the Messiah at All Saints Church High Wycombe on 6th April 2019 at 7 30 pm. Tickets available from PR Cook Shop, Art and Office and Library Information Centre.

**CHAPTER HOUSE CLEANING:** Could you spare a couple of hours every six weeks? The team who clean the Chapter House would very much welcome you! Contact Kaye Lillycrop, [klillycrop@gmail.com](mailto:klillycrop@gmail.com)

**LIGHTHOUSE QUIZ:** This is on Sat 27<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in Church. Tables of eight, cost £5. Book your table now by contacting Jamie via Office. Bring own drinks, snacks.

### Sunday 17th March, Second Sunday of Lent

**Readings: Genesis 15: 1-12. 17-18, Luke 13:31-end**

- 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** Later at PR Methodist Church

### What's on in the week beginning Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March

- Tues 19<sup>th</sup>** **7.30pm** Lent Course in the Chapter House  
**Weds 20<sup>th</sup>** **9.00am** Wednesday Prayers in St Mary's  
**10.30am** Holy Communion followed by coffee  
**2.00pm** St Mary's Church open for prayer and healing.  
**3.30-4pm** Evening Prayer  
**7.45pm** Deanery 'Children and Church' event.  
**Thurs 21<sup>st</sup>** **10.30am** Coffee in the Chapter House  
**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup>** **12-2pm** Bible Journaling in the Chapter House  
**2.00pm** Praise and Play  
**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup>** **9.00am** Ladies Breakfast in Church with David speaking  
**6.00pm** Board Games Night in the Chapter House

### Sunday 24th March, Third Sunday of Lent

**Readings: Isaiah 55: 1-9, Luke 13: 1-9**

- 8.00am** Holy Communion at St Mary's  
**9.30am** Parish Communion followed by coffee  
**11.15am** TGIS with breaking of bread

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