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PRINCES RISBOROUGH
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News

Sunday May 19th 2019, Fifth Sunday of Easter

Dear Friends

A devout believer sat on his roof as flood waters rose around his house. "O God save me!" He prayed. Soon a boat came by. "Jump aboard!" Shouted the man at the helm. "No, it's alright." Came the reply. "God's going to save me!" And he went on praying, "O God save me."

Some time later a helicopter appeared overhead. A rope was let down. A voice called, "Catch hold and I'll pull you up!" The man shouted back, "No, it's alright. God's going to save me." And he went on praying, "O God save me." Then a voice from heaven spoke. "Look! Work with me. I sent a boat and a helicopter what more do you want?"

In our reading today (John 13:34-35) Jesus commands His followers to love one another, but we often forget the other side of the coin. All that love needs to be RECEIVED. Generally speaking we are not good at accepting the loving help of others and yet this is one of God's chief ways of showing His love for us, by prompting others to minister His care. When we turn down the generosity of others, we reject God's provision for us. (See the story above!)

If we are doing His will by loving others, we should also allow them to demonstrate God's love for us and, in our turn, accept it graciously. When we do, we allow them the privilege of serving God as well. And isn't that we are all trying to do?

Accepting love shows humility and greatness of spirit. After all God's dearest wish is to receive our love and He can't be wrong!

Rose Williams

Collect for Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

PRAYER POINTS:

- For the Princes Centre.
- For all those suffering with mental health issues in this mental health awareness week.
- For Emma Knight and Terry Hoults married this week at St Mary's.
- For the people of Yemen suffering from hunger and extreme malnutrition.
- For all school children and students facing approaching exams.

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

Emma and Chris, John Hardy, Joy Woodward, 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, Philip and Sally Jones, Shirley and Eric Watts, Barbara Higgins and Liz Lister.

WE HAVE ALSO BEEN ASKED TO PRAY FOR:

Lisa and Russell Squire, Peter Covell, Gideon, Mary Jefferies, Keith & Judy Brambleby, Barbara Platts, Tony Mead, Hazel Boon, Michael George, Helena Oecken, Jean Moses, Annie, Bill and Marge Philips, Shirley and Don Kemp and Jean Coleman.

WE REMEMBER WITH THANKSGIVING THE LIVES OF:

Arron Welland, Mary Putnam, Robert Rogers, Marina Hawkins and Betty Wells.

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NEWS & NOTICES.

SUMMER DISCIPLESHIP COURSE: David will be running a course starting on Thurs 6th June, and then on 5 Wednesdays during June and July, entitled 'The Long Road to Heaven'. The first session on June 6th will be watching a film 'The Way' with popcorn and drinks. The following five evenings will start with a meal and be followed by a clip of the film and discussion. Please see flyers and sign the list in Church.

CHILDREN AND CHURCH: Part 3 of this series of interactive evenings will be on Thursday 23rd May at 7.45pm at Circus Field Canal Basin, Stocklake. This part is entitled 'Faith that Transitions'. See info@aylesburydeanery.org and register at aylesbury-deanery-children.eventbrite.co.uk

SPRING HARVEST 2020: - This will be in Skegness from 13-17 April 2020. If you are interested in joining St Mary's Church family next year We have reserved 10 Standard 2 bedroom apartments. The cost per adult is £189, child £99 (2-16). Includes early booking discount of £10. If you are interested in attending next year, the deposit required is £35 per adult and £20 per child. For more details contact Vicky Bant via Church Office.

PRINCES RISBOROUGH LIGHTHOUSE - 29 JULY - 2ND AUGUST: Registration is now open. Go to : <https://lighthousecentral.org/forms/child-registration>.

GAAF AND CHILD SPONSORSHIP: We are delighted that GAAF is now affiliated with Stewardship. If anyone would like to undertake sponsoring a GAAF child at this time that would be great. Further details, see Jo Williams.

CHRISTIAN AID SERVICE: Thank you to everyone who supported the Christian Aid Service which was a lovely service. We raised £311.00 (£205 of which was gift aided)

ST. AUGUSTINE FEASTDAY LECTURE: This will be on Monday 27 May 2019 at Walsingham Hall, St Teresa's Catholic Church, and is entitled 'Bede, Augustine and the Gregorian Mission to England in the light of the earliest evidence'. Presented by Dr Richard Shaw, visiting professor from Canada. 2pm Mass, 2.30pm coffee, 3.00pm lecture start. 4pm refreshments. **FREE ENTRY** and Refreshments - **All welcome**. People of all faiths and none – On site parking.

DEMENTIA ACTION WEEK (MAY 20TH-26TH): There are a number of free events in the area where you can find out more about dementia and becoming a dementia friend. Events near here are **Weds 22nd May**, 4-6pm at Duke's wine bar with free glass of prosecco. **Thurs 23rd May**, 12.30-2.30pm at Whiteleaf golf club (ladies only). **Mon 20th May**, 6-8pm at Woodworks Café, Thame (cheese and wine). Contact trudi@ashridgehomecare.co.uk or call 01494 917344 if you are going or for more info. Also, events in Amersham and Tring.

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Readings: Acts 11: 1-18, John 13: 31-35

- 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
12.30pm Farwell Lunch for Dan and Family at St Mary's
3.00pm Service at Icknield Court

What's on in the week beginning Monday 20th May

- Weds 22nd** **9.00am** Wednesday Prayers in St Mary's
10.30am Holy Communion followed by coffee
Thurs 23rd **10.30am** Coffee in the Chapter House
Fri 24th **2.00pm** Praise and Play

Sunday 26th May, Sixth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 16: 9-15, John 5: 1-9

- 8.00am** Holy Communion at St Mary's
9.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's, Ilmer
9.30am Parish Communion followed by coffee
11.00am Family Service at St Peter's, Ilmer
11.15am TGIS with breaking of bread

CHURCHYARD: If anyone can help with mowing the churchyard during this busy period or with mower repairs, please let the office know. Thank you.

DATE FOR DIARY: There will be an Ascension Day service on Thursday May 30th at 7.30pm in St Mary's.

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