



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

News

Sunday May 26th 2019, Sixth Sunday of Easter

Dear Friends,

Recently, I visited Bletchley Park, the code-breaking centre in the 2nd World War.

Amongst the fascinating memorabilia and information one fact caught my imagination. Such was the focus and confidentiality of each person on the site that the workers there only knew of their own immediate colleagues' part of the work. One hut had to give their findings to a particular telephone number. They assumed that this was to the War office or similar. In fact, it was to the hut next door to theirs! They never had an overview of their work in the context of the whole site.

It occurs to me that sometimes in the church we become so caught up with what other members may or may not be doing or how they are doing it that it can distract us from being fully focussed on our own calling. Alternatively, we may not see the overall significance of our part in the church's life and devalue our contribution. We need to live in trust as those did at Bletchley. By being able to see now the complete picture, we know that the work at Bletchley shortened the war by some 2 years and saved millions of lives. Yet at the time they had no idea that this would be the result.

In the healing at the Pool at Bethesda, there were "a great number of disabled people", yet we read that Jesus only healed one of them. Had Jesus responded to each demand made upon him he would have collapsed in 3 months rather than completing 3 years of ministry. A few verses later we read that Jesus said, "For the very work that the Father has given me to finish, and which I am doing..." By looking up to Father God first, he was able to serve in the right way out-wards and was able to counter the criticism of the Pharisees about "working" on the Sabbath by healing the man; giving a priority to love and compassion.

May we continue to serve the Lord Jesus by looking to God first and seeking to please Him and then serving Him in the way He's called us, wholeheartedly.

Averil Stephenson

Collect for Sixth Sunday of Easter

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal 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

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

PRAYER POINTS:

- For the London City Mission.
- For all those children who go to school hungry.
- For our clergy, churchwardens and PCC.
- For the people of Yemen suffering from hunger and extreme malnutrition.
- For all carers of the elderly and the disabled.
- For the County Scout and Guide Camp at Claydon this weekend.
- For all doctors, nurses and medical staff on whom we rely for our care.

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

Erica and family, Emma, 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 & 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:

Marina Hawkins, Betty Wells and David Killoh.

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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.

ASCENSION DAY: There will be a special service for Ascension Day on Thursday 30th May at 7.30pm.

PRAYER EVENING: On 28th June there will be a prayer evening at 7.30pm at Church.

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.

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.

PRINCES RISBOROUGH CHORAL SOCIETY: will be holding their summer concert at Longwick village Hall from Thursday 27th to Sat 29th June. This will be a concert version of Fiddler on the Roof. Tickets from The PR Cook Shop, Art and Office and the Library Information Centre.

LIGHTHOUSE DONATIONS: Lighthouse has in the last few years recommended a donation of £13 per child per day. Not all families can afford this and costs are increasing. If you would like to make a donation to Lighthouse, you can find out how on the donate page of the PR Lighthouse website. A regular contribution of £5-£6 a month will fund a child's week at Lighthouse. Thank you.

WYCOMBE HOMELESS CONNECTION: Could it be you or someone you know? Wycombe Homeless Connection is seeking a full-time support team manager and a part-time marketing and fundraising manager to join the fight against homelessness. Please visit the website for details: <https://www.wyhoc.org.uk/news/opportunities-at-wycombe-homeless-connection>

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

- 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 with breaking of bread

What's on in the week beginning Monday 27th May

- Weds 29th** **9.00am** Wednesday Prayers in St Mary's
10.30am Holy Communion followed by coffee
Thurs 30th **10.30am** Coffee in the Chapter House
7.30pm Ascension Day Service of Holy Communion at St Mary's
Fri 31st **7.00pm** Puppet Club

Sunday 2nd June, Seventh Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 16:16-34, John 17, 20-end

- 8.00am** Holy Communion at St Mary's
9.30am Parish Communion followed by coffee
11.15am TGIS
3.00pm Open Door, a summer tea in the Chapter House
6.00pm Evensong at St Peter's, Ilmer

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

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR, SAT NOV 16TH: I know it's early to be thinking of Christmas but if you would like to be part of the team organising this fantastic fundraising event for Lighthouse, we'd love to hear from you.

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