

Collect for First Sunday after Trinity

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

PRAYER POINTS:

- For Helen House
- For Pat and Jen Kerr and their family as they move into their new home.
- For Nikki Maxwell and her work in the Congo and that the outbreak of ebola can be contained.
- For all those fleeing war, persecution and conflict.
- For the elderly, frail and sick of our parish, struggling with daily life.

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

Erica and family, Emma, Chris, John Hardy, 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, Liz Lister and Simon Clegg.

WE HAVE ALSO BEEN ASKED TO PRAY FOR:

Lindy Moffat, 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:

David Killoh, Derrick Woodhouse and Kenneth Fischer.

parishoffice@stmarysrisborough.org.uk

Open: Mon & Tues: 9:30am -1.30pm, Weds & Thurs 9:30am -5.00pm

Tel: 01844 273300

Charity No: 1133923

www.stmarysrisborough.org.uk



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

News

Sunday June 23rd 2019, First Sunday after Trinity

Dear Friends

I spent a morning recently with a dear friend who was upset about gossip and rumour that surrounded her in her immediate neighbourhood. She felt hurt by things that had been said. It made me wonder about my own behaviour.

When we think of sins associated with turning our backs on God, we expect to see wickedness and murder; we don't expect to see gossip and slander. Why? Because those they're so commonplace. The truth is that gossip is a cancer that ultimately eats away at the hearts of both gossip and those gossiped about.

So how do we avoid gossip in our everyday dealings with our friends and neighbours? The first step in eradicating gossip lies in modelling healthy communication. That means we need to:

- Share information with only those who can legitimately contribute
- Immediately shut down gossip when we hear it
- Protect the victims of gossip.

Identifying what is and isn't gossip can be difficult. It can be:

Rumour: any unverified information

Slander: false or malicious information with the intent to harm

Gossip: sensational talk passed on because of its "juicy" nature, whether true, rumour, or slander.

What does the Bible teach us? Here are some Bible passages to use for inspiration:

You shall not bear a false report; do not join your hand with a wicked man to be a malicious witness.—Exodus 23:1

He who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets,

But he who is trustworthy conceals a matter.—Proverbs 11:13

And I especially like this one:

For lack of wood the fire goes out,

And where there is no whisperer, contention quiets down.—Proverbs

26:20

It has certainly been helpful for me to remind myself what is expected of me as a Christian. Does this help you?

Louise Fell

NEWS & NOTICES.

PRAYER MINISTRY TRAINING: This is on Tuesday 25th June from 2-5.30pm in the Chapter House, entitled 'The God who Heals'. Please contact Averil Stephenson at averilstephenson49@gmail.com if you would like to go.

PRAYER EVENING: On 28th June there will be a prayer evening at 7.30pm at Church. This provides a time of peace and prayer, away from the pressure of daily life. For more details contact Jo Williams.

PAT KERR'S FIRST SUNDAY: Our new curate, Pat Kerr, will be starting next Sunday. Please come along and welcome him and his family, he will be introducing himself at the 9.30 and TGIS services.

LUNCHTIME CONCERTS: As part of Festival week, local primary schools will be performing concerts at lunchtime. Tea and coffee is provided and you are welcome to bring your lunch and eat while you listen. Concerts are Mon 1st July, 1-2pm, Princes Risborough, Weds 3rd July, 12.30-1.30pm, Monks Risborough, Thurs 4th July, 12.30-1.30pm, St Teresa's, Fri 5th July, 12.30-1.30pm, Longwick. Also on Friday 10.30-11.30am, the Jingers from the Princes Centre will be performing.

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.

CHARITIES NOMINATIONS: Do you have a charity you support? St Mary's gives 20% of it's income to charities and they are chosen by the PCC each September. Forms detailing how to put in a nomination are on the website and by the Charities noticeboard. We welcome applications received by 18th August 2019.

TOOLS WITH A MISSION(TWAM): TWAM is a Christian Charity which collects old tools, smartens them up and sends them to developing countries. From 16th July to 5th August, PR Baptist Church is providing a collection point for all your old unwanted tools. The Church will be open between 10-12 every Monday 'til Friday between the dates given. Many sorts of tools are needed from sewing machines to spanners and chisels. For full list contact the office. All donations welcome.

PRAYER REQUEST: "Please pray for "The Time is Now" lobby of Parliament on Wed 26th June, where Christian Aid, CAFOD, Tearfund and several secular humanitarian charities will be peacefully petitioning MPs to take urgent and drastic action over the impact of climate change, and benevolent stewardship of the Earth's nature and people (especially the world's poor). If you are moved to participate, that would be wonderful."

Sunday 23rd June, First Sunday after Trinity

Readings: 1 Kings 19; 1-15a, Luke 8;26-39

8.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's
9.30am Parish Communion followed by coffee
11.15am TGIS

What's on in the week beginning Monday 24th June

Tues 25th **2.00pm** Prayer Ministry training
Weds 26th **9.00am** Wednesday Prayers in St Mary's
10.30am Holy Communion followed by coffee
7.30pm Summer Discipleship Course
Thurs 27th **10.30am** Coffee in the Chapter House
Fri 28th **2.00pm** Praise and Play
7.30pm Prayer Evening in Church
Sat 29th **2.00pm** Yvonne Mullins ordination at Christchurch, Oxford.
6.00pm Pat Kerr's ordination at Christchurch, Oxford.
12.30pm Risborough Town Festival starts

Sunday 30th June, Second Sunday after Trinity

Readings: 2 Kings 2; 1-2, 6-14, Luke 9:51-end

8.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's
9.30am Parish Communion with interview with Pat followed by coffee
11.15am TGIS with Interview with Pat and Breaking of Bread

LONGWICK SCHOOL OPEN DAY: Longwick Primary School have an open day on Saturday 6th July from 10am -12 noon.

DATE FOR DIARY: The men's breakfast and also the ladies breakfast will be on Sat 13th July at 9am in the Church hall and Church.

Rector: Revd. David Williams 346984

Associate Minister: Revd. Michael Hunt 344150; ;

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