

Collect for Fourth Sunday after Trinity

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, 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, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



St Mary's
with
St Peter's
PRINCES RISBOROUGH
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News

Sunday July 14th 2019, Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Dear Friends

I once went to Villa Park, with my boss, for an FA Cup semi-final. As we walked back to our car a fracas started on the other side of the road. I immediately turned to walk away but my boss, who was not a Christian, turned towards the problem to act as a peacemaker. It made me think. Later when I was a vicar of a fairly deprived parish there was a Community Centre and because of the difficulties of the neighbourhood they always had a manned reception. One person who worked on it was an elderly lady who always dressed immaculately, always heavily made up and who used to get regularly barracked by the youngsters hanging about in the courtyard as she walked home. Despite her age and being a bit unsteady on her feet, she always wore high heels and one night caught her heel and fell. Much to her surprise, these same youngsters rushed across to help her and see her safely home.

Today's reading is the story of the Good Samaritan where the person who helps the half dead victim of a robbery is not one of those first on the scene and who would be expected to help, the religious leader and the professional man, but the hated foreigner. Samaritans were hated by the Jews as they came from the same roots and were considered to have betrayed their origins. They were hated more than all other foreigners. Jesus told this story in answer to the question 'who is my neighbour', the one I am to love like I love myself. The challenge is to consider everyone, however much unlike ourselves as our neighbour.

I suspect that we all have blind spots where we want to say to Jesus – 'Yes, but surely you don't mean people like that or the person who hurt me so much'. But Jesus' examples don't allow for exceptions, even telling us that we have to forgive those who hurt us unlimited times. It's not easy but remember it's not 'do as I say not do as I do'. Jesus is the one who forgave even those who were crucifying him.

PRAYER POINTS:

- For Rope and CMS Uganda
- For all doctors and nurses working under extreme pressure in the NHS.
- For Inde-Rose Simmons, being baptised today, and her family.
- For our Church family as we gather together today in friendship.
- For those suffering extreme malnutrition in war torn Yemen

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

Erica, Emma, Chris, John Hardy, Mary Kent, Sue List, Alan & 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 & Eric Watts, Barbara Higgins, Liz Lister, Simon Clegg and Sally & Rob Goodchild.

WE HAVE ALSO BEEN ASKED TO PRAY FOR:

Lindy Moffat, Lisa & Russell Squire, Gideon, Mary Jefferies, Keith & Judy Brambleby, Barbara Platts, Tony Mead, Hazel Boon, Helena Oecken, Jean Moses, Annie, Bill & Marge Philips, Shirley and Don Kemp, Jean Coleman and David and Pauline Flynn.

WE REMEMBER WITH THANKSGIVING THE LIVES OF:

Kenneth Fischer, Diana Gill and Douglas Versey.

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NEWS & NOTICES.

GARDEN PARTY: There will be a garden party in the rectory garden this afternoon from 3pm. Bring and Share food, Pimms and fruit cup. Do come along for a relaxing afternoon with your Church family. Please let the Office know if you can help with setting up and the clearing up afterwards.

OPEN AIR CONCERT OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE: This evening at 6pm there will be an open air concert at the Baptist Church, Bell St, PR. Music by the Ellesborough Silver Band. All welcome, bring something to sit on.

CHARITIES NOMINATIONS: Do you have a charity you support? St Mary's gives 20% of its 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.

LIGHTHOUSE COMMISSIONING SERVICE: This is on Sunday 28th July at 6pm in the Big Top at Princes Risborough School. This is open to everyone so do come along and help pray for a successful Lighthouse.

HOLIDAY AT HOME: This summer, we are going to Butlins! The dates are Tuesday August 6th and Wednesday August 7th. Please let any older person who might be interested know. Further details from Gill at gill.sunfold@googlemail.com. Offers of help also will be gratefully received.

HELP WANTED AT HOLIDAY AT HOME. Do you have a red jacket/blazer that we could borrow for August 6/7th? We are having a Butlins theme for Holiday at Home and would very much like all our helpers to be dressed as "Redcoats" in keeping with the Butlin's tradition. We promise to be very careful with them and, of course, if they get dirty we will have them washed/cleaned. Please see Gill Wilkinson after 9.30 service or at TGIS.

SUMMER READ: 'Fruitfulness on the Frontline' by Mark Greene. Don't miss this book. A horizon-expanding, spirit lifting, heart warming book with a liberating view of how God can and does work through us in our daily lives. For sale in Church now.

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. Church open between 10-12 from Tues 16th to Friday 2nd.

PHOTOS PLEASE: Please can you send photos from your Church groups and activities to the Parish Office. We are making a film to show in Church on Sunday Sept 8th

JOB VACANCY: ROPE are looking for a Fundraising and Marketing Executive. Details can be found on their website www.rope.org.uk.

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Readings: Deuteronomy 30: 9-14; Luke 10: 25-37

- 8.00am** Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 9.30am** Parish Communion followed by coffee
- 11.15am** TGIS with Baptism
- 3.00pm** Rectory Garden Party
- 3.00pm** Service at Icknield Court
- 6.00pm** Open Air Concert at the Baptist Church.

What's on in the week beginning Monday 15th July

- Weds 17th**
 - 9.00am** Wednesday Prayers in St Mary's
 - 10.30am** Holy Communion followed by coffee
 - 7.30pm** Summer Discipleship Course
- Thurs 18th**
 - 10.30am** Coffee in the Chapter House
- Fri 19th**
 - 2.00pm** Praise and Play
 - 7.00pm** Puppet Club in Church Hall

Sunday 21st July, Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Genesis 18: 1-10a; Luke 10:38-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 with child dedication.

PRAISE AND PLAY: Please note the last meeting of Praise and Play before the holiday is on the 19th July. It will resume on 6th September.

Rector: Revd. David Williams 346984

Associate Minister: Revd. Michael Hunt 344150;

Curate: Revd Pat Kerr 273980

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