

Collect for Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
 We beseech you to direct, sanctify and
 govern both our hearts and bodies
 the ways of your laws and the work of
 your commandments;
 that through your most mighty
 protection, both here and ever,
 we may be preserved in body and soul;
 through our Lord and Saviour 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

Strengthen for service, Lord, the
 hands that have taken holy things;
 may the ears which have heard your
 word be deaf to clamour and
 dispute; may the tongues which
 have sung your praise be free from
 deceit; may the eyes which have
 seen the tokens of your love shine
 with the light of hope;
 and may the bodies which have
 been fed with your body be
 refreshed with the fullness of your
 life; glory to you for ever. Amen

PRAYER POINTS:

- For the work of Hamlin Fistula UK.
- For the people of Ohio and Texas, struggling to come to terms with the mass shootings in their towns.
- For the people of Kashmir caught up in in the India/Pakistan conflict.

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

Alex Torrance, Erica, Emma, Chris, John Hardy, Mary Kent, Sue List, Alan & Iris Austin, Oliver Baillie, Gladys Page, Suzie Aries, Michael & Susan 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:

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

WE REMEMBER WITH THANKSGIVING THE LIVES OF:

Diana Gill and Douglas Versey.

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News

Sunday August 11th 2019, Eighth Sunday after Trinity**Dear Friends,**

My guess is that if our favourite celebrity or member of the royal family had promised to come and visit us, we would pull out all the stops to be ready. We might redecorate the house, weed the garden, prepare food, have our hair done and buy a new outfit.

If we were not quite sure when they would be arriving, we would want to have everything ready so as not to be caught out at the last minute.

Jesus will definitely return one day, but we don't know when. In today's parable (Luke 12:32-40) Jesus tells of servants faithfully carrying out their duties so that, when their master returns, all will be prepared, even if he comes in the middle of the night. Servants who are ready will be rewarded by their master waiting on them.

So are we prepared? Are we "dressed ready for service" and do we "keep our lamps burning"?

(Luke 12:35) If so what should we be wearing? The armour of God might be a good start. (Ephesians 6:11-17) If we put this on we will have, firmly attached to us, truth, a knowledge of God's word, the assurance of salvation, a sure faith and a readiness to spread the good news about Jesus. This is also battle dress for waging war, in the power of the Holy Spirit, against all the evil in the world.

The lamps are the unmistakable light of joy shining out from those who share their life with Jesus, the Light of the World. In the strength of that light, and by sharing the experiences of our faith journey, hopefully we can draw others into the light of understanding.

When Jesus comes we might well want to invite Him in to share what we have, but He has other plans. He will invite us to share with Him. All the treasure of heaven will be at our disposal, with Jesus as our gracious host.

How can we refuse such a generous invitation?

Rose Williams

NEWS & NOTICES.

AUTUMN DISCIPLESHIP COURSE: This will be starting on Weds 4th September and is entitled 'The Network Course' – discerning your giftings & being fruitful. 'Network: The Right People, in the Right Places, for the Right Reasons, at the Right Time'.

On Weds 4th, 11th and 18th September in church from 7pm to 9pm.

NEWS OF DAN BEESLEY'S APPOINTMENT: Dan Beesley has been appointed to be the Vicar of St James, Bierton, Aylesbury. He will be licenced on Tuesday 3rd December at 7.30pm. In the meantime, Dan continues his role with the Hilltop and Lees Churches. We send our very best wishes to Dan, Paula, Jacob and Eloisa.

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 works through us in our daily lives. For sale in Church now at 8.99.

STOP PRESS – GOOD NEWS!: Our PCC have agreed that we should go ahead with recruitment of a part-time Children's Worker for 2020 – please hold in your prayers.

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.

ST MARY'S KIDS: There will be children's groups running throughout August during the TGIS 11.15am service. They will be All Age and held in the Chapter House, if we have enough support we may be able to play sports in Wades Park, depending on the weather. If you feel able to help with any of the sessions during August please contact Stella Upton: stella.upton@btinternet.com.

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 to celebrate all our volunteers in the St Mary's Church family.

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 "Giving" leaflets in church or speak to Michael Hoey.

ST MARY'S PATRONAL FESTIVAL: On Sunday September 8th there will be a special service to mark St Mary's patronal festival. Full details to follow.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: Please note that in August, the Office will only be open on Wednesday and Thursdays, 9.30am-5pm (closed Thurs Aug 22nd).

Sunday 11th August, Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Genesis 15: 1-6; Luke 12: 32-40

- 8.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's
9.30am Parish Communion followed by coffee
11.15am TGIS with all age children's groups (*see note opposite*)
3.00pm Service at Icknield Court

What's on in the week beginning Monday 12th August

- Mon 12th 3.00pm Bereavement Drop In at the Chapter House
Weds 14th 9.00am Wednesday Prayers in the Chapter House
10.30am Holy Communion and coffee in the Chapter House
Thurs 15th 10.30am Coffee in the Chapter House

Sunday 18th August, Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Jeremiah 23: 23-29. Luke 12: 49-56

- 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 breaking of bread

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