

Collect for Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your
name, increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness, and
of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine
and the source of life, ever giving
himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made
perfect in his love; for he is alive
and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

PRAYER POINTS:

- For the work of the London City Mission.
- For the Ebola crisis in the Democratic Republic of Congo, over the border from Nicci Maxwell in south-western Uganda.
- For the people of Syria, struggling to cope in their daily lives.
- For our clergy, churchwardens and all those who help to run our Church.
- For all families for whom the school holidays is a financial struggle.

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 & 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:

Lindy Moffat, 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 4th 2019, Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Dear Friends,

The church calendar comprises a series of seasons, Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter (for example) between which there are periods of Ordinary time. Currently we are in Ordinary time as we count off the weeks after Pentecost and before the start of Advent – it's a long period of Ordinary time.

Our interpretation of the word ordinary is usually in the sense of 'commonplace' or 'everyday'. We might say we had an 'ordinary day' to mean we did our usual activities, whatever they may be. That is an important aspect of Ordinary time within the church calendar. Almost by definition if things are special all the time they become the new ordinary (with the temptation to develop even grander ways of being special). Ordinarieness is needed to help appreciate the days, events or moments that are extraordinary. And it's probably fair to say we live most of our lives in ordinarieness – getting used to (even learning to celebrate) the ordinary is an important skill in living contentedly with the everyday.

The term Ordinary time is derived from a Latin word which means measured. We are in measured time – a deliberate and purposeful measuring of time, ticking off the weeks as they go by. Ordinary time has within it an expectation of rhythm – it is not something just to be endured or ignored, but noted, noticed and numbered. We are invited to be more generous to ourselves, to discover a less frenetic mode of being, to find enough space in life to flourish, to (re)discover the rhythm of our soul. We are invited to discover our own ordinary time, the measured, rhythm of life in which we expect to – and often do – meet God in the everyday.

Jesus, particularly through his parables, invites his disciples (and us) to explore this rhythm of life, a way of being that seeks God's treasure in the ordinary and every day.

Revd Michael Hunt

NEWS & NOTICES.

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 can and does work through us in our daily lives. For sale in Church now.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: Autumn Discipleship Course '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

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 (01844 275192).

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 4th August, Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Eccles. 1:2,12-14, 2: 18-23; Luke 12:13-21

- 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 Open Door in the Chapter House
6.00pm Evensong at St Peter's, Ilmer

What's on in the week beginning Monday 5th August

Holiday at Home

- Tues 6th 10.00am **Holiday at Home in St Mary's Church**
Weds 7th 9.00am Wednesday Prayers in the Chapter House
10.00am **Holiday at Home in St Mary's Church**
10.30am Holy Communion and coffee in the Chapter House
Thurs 8th 10.30am Coffee in the Chapter House

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

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