

Collect for Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; 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 forever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

PRAYER POINTS:

- For Mercy Ships.
- For leaders, volunteers & helpers as they prepare for Lighthouse.
- For Jean Davis, whose Dedication service is celebrated today.
- For all school children and their teachers as they finish the summer term and look forward to a well-deserved break.
- For Olivia Graham, the newly appointed Bishop of Reading.
- For peace and resolution for peoples of those countries where there is conflict and tension such as in the Middle East, Venezuela and Nigeria.

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

Sunday July 21st 2019, Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Dear Friends

Today we hear about Jesus' visit to Mary and Martha (Luke 10: 38 – end). Martha welcomed Jesus and did the right thing. She provided hospitality. She criticised Mary for doing what Martha thought was the wrong thing.

Mary sat at Jesus' feet. No wonder Martha was concerned. The family's reputation was at stake. Instead of staying in the women's parts of the house, Mary sat with Jesus and his disciples. The women came in to serve food, but otherwise were expected to stay in the women's area. Mary not only stayed with the men, but *"sat at the Lord's feet"*, implying she was his student. If you hoped to be a rabbi, you sat at a rabbi's feet to learn, but only if you were male and the rabbi first chose you. Shockingly, Jesus affirmed Mary's choice to sit at his feet to learn from him and told Martha that *"Mary has chosen the better part"*.

The heart of discipleship is to listen to Jesus and do what he teaches. Not one or the other but both, hearing and doing. The point of this story isn't to choose between Mary's or Martha's way, but to choose Jesus.

Jesus invited Martha to let go of the attitude that stopped her experiencing what Mary enjoyed, being with Jesus and learning from him. Mary delighted in Jesus' words and presence, though it risked her sister's disapproval. God loves us when we get it right and when we get it wrong. There's nothing Martha, nor you or I, have to do to earn God's love. The one thing needed is to hear the gospel and know that God loves and accepts us. That's the heart of the matter from which Christian service can flow.

I like to think that after the meal, Mary told Martha to rest and reflect on Jesus's words, while she (Mary) got on with clearing up!

Nancy Wallace

NEWS & NOTICES.

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.

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

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.

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

OLIVIA GRAHAM: It has been announced that Olivia has been appointed the new Bishop of Reading. Olivia was Curate at St Mary's from 1998 to 2001. She then went on to become Vicar at Burnham, Hon Canon at Christchurch Cathedral and Archdeacon of Berkshire. We wish her well in her new post.

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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.

What's on in the week beginning Monday 22nd July

- Weds 24th 9.00am Wednesday Prayers in St Mary's
10.30am Holy Communion followed by coffee
Thurs 25th 10.30am Coffee in the Chapter House

Sunday 28th July, Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Genesis 18: 20-32; Luke 11:1-13

- 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.
6.00pm Lighthouse Commissioning service in the Big Top at PRS

PRAISE AND PLAY: This will resume on 6th September.

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

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