

Collect for Sixth 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 for ever. **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 the work of ROPE, taking action to transform the lives of the poor.
- For the Ebola crisis in the Democratic Republic of Congo, over the border from Nicci Maxwell in south-western Uganda.
- For leaders, volunteers & helpers as they prepare for Lighthouse.
- For Christopher Meek & Karen Shelly married yesterday at St Mary's.
- For peace and resolution of the tensions between Iran and the UK.
- For those working towards the release of Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe in Iran.

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 July 28th 2019, Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Dear friends,

I am sure that most people reading this article would be able to recite **the Lord's Prayer, Luke 11 NIV version**, by heart as it is probably the best-known prayer of all; so, what does it mean?

Father: First, we need to meet God with the right attitude. Father is an intimate term for Christians to use of a loving and good God who wants His children to communicate with Him with confidence and freedom - think of the Father running eagerly to his prodigal son.

Hallowed be Your name: Yet, this is also the glorious God who reigns over the earth and heavens; worthy of worship and honour. So, we are taught to approach God with respect and submission.

Your Kingdom come: Jesus asked his Disciples to pray this to help him with the successful completion of his life's work – his future death on the Cross, defeating evil until His return in glory as King of all. Moreover, it calls his followers to help turn the world from spiritual darkness to light, as God leads us.

Give us each day our daily bread: We are encouraged to bring our daily needs of all kinds, both large and small, in prayer to God; asking for His constant provision - think of the manna in the wilderness.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive everyone who sins against us:

Forgiveness is an act of Grace from God; not earned or deserved by us. We are called to offer the same grace to others out of gratitude and to keep ourselves right with God.

Lead us not into temptation: Jesus encourages us to flee from temptations. God doesn't cause them – James 1 v 13. We are vulnerable to temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil and need God's power and love to resist them. We can pray this prayer literally. We can use it as a frame-work; applying specific, current situations to each subject in turn. We can focus on the Kingdom theme and place the other sections in that context. All are valid ways to use this prayer.

Averil Stephenson

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.

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.

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

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

What's on in the week beginning Monday 29th July

Lighthouse Week

- Weds 31st 9.00am Wednesday Prayers in St Mary's
10.30am Holy Communion followed by coffee
Thurs 1st 10.30am Coffee in the Chapter House
Friday 2nd 3.30pm Celebration Service at Lighthouse in the Big Top

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

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