

Collect for Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

PRAYER POINTS:

- For the work of Helen House.
- For Mandy Milborrow and Rod Faul, married this week at St Peter's.
- For Naomi Arthey and Joel Rolfe married this week at St Mary's.
- For the grieving family of Nora Quoirin.
- For resolution of the Hong Kong crisis.
- For all Christians suffering violence and persecution.

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

Alex Torrance, Erica, 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:

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

WE REMEMBER WITH THANKSGIVING THE LIVES OF:

Diana Gill and Douglas Versey.

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News

Sunday August 18th 2019, Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Dear Friends

Today's readings are not the easiest to interpret – but that's the point – both passages contain divine criticism of the way we interpret the present time and the way we interpret the Word of God.

Throughout the Bible and subsequent history mankind has struggled to understand what God or Jesus were telling us. Our main problem is that we are so self-centred, we cannot see beyond our immediate situation, our own agenda and we fail to see the bigger picture.

In our first reading Jeremiah is scathing of false prophets and their lies. That is still valid for us today. Let us beware of false prophets, gossip and innuendo. Let us focus afresh on Jesus, the living Word of God – He is the Truth and as he tells us, 'You shall know the truth and the truth will set you free.'

We need to train ourselves to view the world and our immediate circle of friends and family as God sees us. Our God is a God of Love, who cannot act except in love. He sees the best in us and in those we find difficult to love and he wants the best for us – all of us. We should strive to do the same, to see the best in everyone around us and to try to see the bigger picture, and to identify what issues are really important and form part of God's divine plan for our world.

One way we could improve our ability to interpret the present time is to seek to spend more time in the presence of God, more time in prayer, more time being actively aware that God is with us all the time, wherever we are and whatever we are doing. That gives us the confidence to live a life more like Jesus lived.

Jesus spent a lot of time communicating with his Father, seeking to interpret the Father's will. We should do the same. After all, we pray every week 'Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as in heaven'. How can we really mean what we say if we do not make a conscious attempt to identify what God's will is? Once we have done that, we should be better able to interpret the Word of God and the present times and, hopefully, avoid the divine criticism that we hear about today.

Peter Cline

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.

ST MARY'S PATRONAL FESTIVAL: On Sunday September 8th there will be a special service to mark St Mary's patronal festival. The 8.00am, the 9.30am service and TGIS will be combined so there will be one family service at 10.30am. This service will celebrate all the volunteers who do such a great job for our Church. We hope the puppets will be performing and the service will be followed by drinks and cake! We still need your photos and videos for a film showing the work of our volunteers.

HISTORIC CHURCHES BIKE RIDE – Saturday 14th September – You can help in **3** ways: **1** – You can come out and **cycle or walk** to some local churches, having raised sponsorship for the Historic Churches. **2** – You can **greet** at St Mary's for a while to check and encourage other cyclists. **3** – You can **sponsor** the intrepid cyclists/walkers (a fixed sum or per church visited). Or you can **do all 3!!** If you prefer to **walk**, start at 10 o'clock at the Baptist Church. It should be a fine day to cycle around the local churches this year and raise money while enjoying the countryside. Please see Michael Hoey (01844 275192) or Val Stattersfield if you would like to help in **any** way.

SUMMER READ, LAST CHANCE: 'Fruitfulness on the Frontline' by Mark Greene.

There are still a few copies of this book for sale in Church at £8.99. A horizon-expanding, spirit lifting, heart-warming book with a liberating view of how God works through us in our daily lives. Last week on sale, don't miss your copy.

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).

LADIES BREAKFAST: The next ladies breakfast will be on Saturday 21st September.

SUMMER SALE: Sat 31st Aug at Walsingham Hall. 11-3pm. Antiques, Jewellery, Gifts, Crafts, Clothing. Refreshments. In aid of St Teresa's Raise the Roof Fund.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: Fri 11th October: Chinnor Village Hall, 60's and 70's dance in aid of Christian Aid. Sat 19th October: Dinner Dance at Lacey Green Village Hall in aid of St John's. Details from the Office or Viewpoint.

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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

What's on in the week beginning Monday 19th August

Weds 21st	9.00am	Wednesday Prayers in St Mary's
	10.30am	Holy Communion followed by coffee in Chapter House
Thurs 22nd	10.30am	Coffee in the Chapter House

Sunday 25th August, Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Isaiah 58: 9b-end, Luke 13:10-17

8.00am	Holy Communion at St Mary's
9.30am	Parish Communion followed by coffee
11.15am	TGIS

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).

Rector: Revd. David Williams 346984
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Curate: Revd Pat Kerr 273980
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Revds. Steve & Rose Williams 274225; Canon Nick Molony 273895;
Revd. Jenny Deverill 274269; **LLM:** Averil Stephenson 343649
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