

Collect for Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

PRAYER POINTS:

- For Mercy Ships, performing life changing operations in Africa.
- For our school teachers as they prepare for the new term ahead.
- For all school children receiving GCSE and A level results, that they may thrive and prosper as they move on to the next stage of their lives.
- For our clergy and all Church leaders.
- For all migrants and refugees seeking a place they can call home.
- 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:

Suzie Aries, Alex Torrance, Erica, John Hardy, Mary Kent, Sue List, Alan & Iris Austin, Oliver Baillie, Gladys Page, 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.

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News

Sunday August 25th 2019, Tenth Sunday after Trinity**Dear Friends**

'Come on; that's enough of that – snap out of it!' Fortunately those rather brusque words are rarely heard these days. They were often used as a form of code as if to say that the person had indulged themselves for long enough and it's time to get back to 'normal'.

The lady in today's gospel had been suffering for eighteen years. In her context, it was as if this had gone on long enough. What he did said in so many words that it was time for her to stand up straight and be released from her bondage.

Situations like that are less common in today's world. Sadly many of our current forms of debilitation are often self-inflicted. There are many forms of addiction and other forms of self harm. It is difficult, I suspect, that a number of us cannot imagine what it must be like to become caught up in such a downward spiral. When it's got to this state, to be told to 'snap out of it' is unlikely to change the situation.

There are many situations in which people's lives are pinned down and they are unable to realise their God-given potential. That is a sadness for God, for society as a whole and for the individual concerned. Lives can be crippled by fear, by a lack of resources, by loneliness, by despair or by addiction and dependency of many forms.

By healing the lady Jesus restores her to her community, both social and religious. The Isaiah reading set for today also reminds us that religious observance and concern for the poor stand side by side.

What words or actions can we find to ensure that we don't walk by 'on the other side' but play our parts in bringing God's kingdom of love to those we meet who long to be released from the things bind them?

Nick Molony

NEWS & NOTICES.

THANK YOU! A huge thank you to Gill Wilkinson and all her helpers for another hugely successful Holiday at Home. There is a lot of work involved in making this event happen and it is much appreciated by all those who attend.

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. Please sign the list in Church if you would like to go along.

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.

HELEN HOUSE: 'Thank you to everyone who donates their small change to the 'Penny Fund' for Helen and Douglas House. The total now stands at £6,500. Keep up the good work, it is much appreciated by the Hospice.' Frances Ibell

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.

URGENT HELP NEEDED: Could you give an hour once a fortnight or once a month on a Weds between 12.15pm and 1.15pm? At Longwicks school we run a lunchtime club called SPLASH. At this club we teach the children about the love of God by telling Bible stories and doing some craft. Last year we had between 10 and 20 children aged between 5 and 6 years old attending. The children love it. There are two ways to help. One is by teaching the children and organising the craft work and the other is by supporting the children while they are with us, talking to them and helping with their craft but no need to teach. We are a small team and would greatly appreciate any help you can give. If you feel you can give any time at all please contact Gill Wilkinson on 01844346145 or email gill.sunfold@googlemail.com

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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

What's on in the week beginning Monday 26th August

Weds 28th 9.00am Wednesday Prayers in St Mary's
10.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's followed by coffee
Thurs 29th 10.30am Coffee in the Chapter House

Sunday 1st September, Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 2: 10-12, John 5: 1-15

8.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's
9.30am Parish Communion followed by coffee
11.15am TGIS
3.00pm Open Door
6.00pm Evensong at St Peter's, Ilmer

COFFEE MORNING: There will be a coffee morning at Princes Risborough Church on Saturday 14th September from 10.30 to 12.30pm. All welcome.

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.

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

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