

Collect for Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



St Mary's
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News

Sunday September 15th 2019, Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Dear Friends,

Have you ever wondered why there are so many St Mary's churches in this part of Bucks? As well as our own, the parish churches of Wendover, Stoke Mandeville and Long Crendon are all dedicated to the mother of Jesus, and there are many others. This is because when Christianity first came to this area in the 7th century, the first church was built in Aylesbury and dedicated to St Mary. For about two hundred years it was the only church in the area and sent priests out to the surrounding villages to take the services and bring the sacraments. In time more churches were built and took the same dedication. Last Sunday all our congregations came together to celebrate the festival of St Mary, with a family service celebrating all aspects of our church life. There was a combination of different styles of music, worship and liturgy, followed by refreshments and a very special cake!

As we reflect on that service it is interesting to hear today's reading from Paul's letter to the church in Rome, in which the apostle is addressing a Christian community where there was some tension between different groups. He reminds them that even where there are disagreements they should be supportive of each other: "each of us should please his neighbour for his good, to build him up". He reminds them that even Jesus did not follow his own will, but that of his Father. As a church, we have a mission to 'Share the Love of Christ with All'. May St Paul's words be an inspiration for us all as we seek to follow Jesus' example:

'May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.'

Debby Cadwallader

PRAYER POINTS:

- For ROPE, transforming lives of those in poverty, across the world.
- For all those who suffer daily as a result of conflict, particularly in the Middle East.
- That International Governments take the necessary action in the fight against climate change.
- For our country and its leaders in the current political crisis.
- For our Clergy, Churchwardens and PCC
- For all those who have lost everything as a result of the hurricane devastation in the Bahamas.

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

Suzie Aries, Norman Edwards, Shirley and Eric Watts, Alex Torrance, Liz and Paul Bracken, Erica, John Hardy, Mary Kent, Sue List, Alan & Iris Austin, Gladys Page, Michael & Susan Hopkins, Kelly May, Gordon & Kathleen Plumridge, Joyce Bapty, Richard Heaney, Alex Lake, 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 & NOTICES.

SERMON SERIES: The theme of the Autumn sermon series is 'Who Cares, We Care!' Journeying together and growing the pastoral heart of St Mary's. This week's theme is 'Healing'. Please look at the poster which explains the 6 week series.

LADIES' BREAKFAST: 21st Sept. Sheila Hazell is speaking on 'Praying with Purpose'.

THANK YOU TO GOD SUNDAY ON 22 SEPTEMBER: is an opportunity for us all, not only to rededicate ourselves to God as individuals and as His family, but also to bring to Him again all that we are and all that we possess, so that we can give back to Him in thankfulness for His amazing generosity and love to us. Leaflets will be available next week to offer Gifts and Talents, Giving to Church and support of a part time Children's worker in 2020.

RAPE CRISIS COFFEE MORNING: This will be on Sat 28th Sept from 10-12 in the Chapter House. There will be a speaker, Abby Prince, refreshments and a stall.

HARVEST FESTIVAL: This will be on 29th Sept and there will be a bring and share lunch after TGIS. Please sign list in Church if you can come. We will be supporting Saunderton Lodge so harvest gifts welcome.

NATIONAL PRAYER WEEKEND 27TH -29TH SEPT: As part of this weekend we shall be holding a prayer evening on Fri 27th from 7.30 - 9.15 pm at church. This provides a time of peace and prayer, away from the daily pressures of life. For more details of this, and the rest of the weekend, please see the enclosed flyer and contact Averil Stephenson at averilstephenson49@gmail.com or Tel: 01844 343649

PRAYER MINISTRY TRAINING: The introductory training course for Prayer Ministry will continue on 8th October from 9.30 - 1 pm in the Chapter House. As before, we shall be using the course from the Christian Healing Mission. Anyone interested in learning more about this would be most welcome to attend. If so, please contact Averil (see above).

THANK YOU ZOE: We would like to thank Zoe Chandler publicly for the many hours of work she has put in over the last 18 months to update the church database and ensure it is accurate and meets our data protection obligation.

CLIMATE CHANGE: Christian Aid are supporting the Global Climate Strike on 20th September, particularly aimed at trying to protect future generations around the world from the impact of climate change. See Christian Aid fliers.

AYLESBURY OPERA: There will be a concert at St Mary's on Saturday 12th Oct at 7.30pm in St Mary's with Beatrice and Benedict. This will be a performance of Berlioz's sparkling opera comique based on Shakespeare's Much Ado about Nothing. Tickets £12 from 07725 868092 or www.aylesburyopera.org.uk.

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Readings: Romans 15: 1-6, Luke 18: 35-43

- 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

What's on in the week beginning Monday 16th September

- Weds 18th**
9.00am Wednesday Prayers in St Mary's
10.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's followed by coffee
7.00pm The Network Course in the Chapter House
- Thurs 19th**
10.30am Coffee in the Chapter House
- Fri 20th**
2.00pm Praise and Play
- Sat 21st**
9.00am Ladies' breakfast in St Mary's.

Sunday 22nd September, Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Thank you to God Sunday

Readings: 2 Corinthians 1:3-7, Luke 10: 25-37

- 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 Baptism

SUZIES ARIES: If you can help 27 year old Suzie in her battle with cancer in any way, however small, please go to the GoFundMe website and read her story.

CHILDRENS WORKER PROJECT PRESENTATIONS: There are three dates in the Autumn for presentations, Weds Oct 2nd, 7pm, Sat 2nd Nov, 4pm and Weds 27th Nov at 7pm. You only need attend one. More detail nearer the time.

HELEN AND DOUGLAS HOUSE: Autumn quiz available from the Shop or Frances.

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