

Collect for Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

PRAYER POINTS:

- For the London City Mission, bringing the Gospel to those most in need.
- For our children as they prepare to return to school for the new term.
- For James Seward, being baptised today, and his family.
- For the elderly, frail and recently bereaved of our parish.
- For all migrants and refugees seeking a place they can call home.
- For all those affected by knife crime on our streets.
- For all Christians suffering violence and persecution.

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

Suzie Aries, Norman Edwards, Shirley and Eric Watts, 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, 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 September 1st 2019, Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Dear Friends

It was Thomas Jefferson, the third President of America, who once said, "In matters of style, swim with the current; in matters of principle, stand like a rock".

Over the next few weeks, as we embark on our autumn sermon series 'Who Cares? We Care', we shall be focusing on one of our Core Values, which are based on God's grace – 'Changing Lives (committed to being a blessing to others)'. The question 'Who Cares?' is one many ask and one we can answer. It is a question that can be read in one of two ways depending on your emphasis, as a serious question, or as a statement of disregard and disinterest. Either way, over the next six weeks, as we explore the six themes of – caring, loving, healing, living, journeying, connecting – we will be reminded that in following Jesus we take on the assignment of blessing others, not just looking out for our own interests. Living in a broken world, where many are only looking out for themselves, the local Church can provide the hope, care and purpose so badly needed.

I know, in preparation for our autumn 'Network' discipleship course, a number of you have been enjoying our summer read 'Fruitfulness on the Frontline' (making a difference where you are). Like the Good Samaritan who overcame his fears, stepped outside of himself and his comfort zone, and took the risk of crossing the road, may we live out our faith, be a blessing to others as we come alongside them, and give the glory to God. Through Jesus and his power at work within us, lives and communities can be changed!

David Williams, Rector

NEWS & NOTICES.

NETWORK COURSE: Starts on Wednesday! Please sign up today as this will be a great 3 week course for all the Church family. Light refreshments will be served.

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 **11am** (not 10.30am as stated on previous newsheets). Followed by drinks and a special celebration cake.

HELEN AND DOUGLAS HOUSE: 'Thank you to everyone who donates their small change to the 'Penny Fund'. 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: Sat. 14th Sept. 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). Walkers start at 10 o'clock at the Baptist Church. So come and raise money while enjoying the local churches and countryside. Please contact Michael Hoey (PR 275192) or Val Stattersfield (PR 275014) 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 Longwick 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

NEW WINE: 'I am hoping to put a group together to go to New Wine 2020 on week 2 which is Aug 2nd at Peterborough show ground. New Wine is a Christian festival of worship teaching and family fun. It is a camping/ caravanning event although there are also hotels nearby, which would probably need booking soon. The children's work is amazing and my children have been for many years and loved every minute, leading them on to subsequently serve on team, which they have been inspired by! They both still go with their own churches. Have a look at the new wine website and see if you fancy joining me!' Hazel.

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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 with Baptism
3.00pm	Open Door
6.00pm	Evensong at St Peter's, Ilmer

What's on in the week beginning Monday 2nd September

Weds 4th	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 5th	10.30am	Coffee in the Chapter House

Sunday 8th September, Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Patronal Festival

Readings: Hebrews 10: 19-25, Mark 6: 31-44

11.00am	Whole Church Celebration
3.00pm	Service at Icknield Court
6.00pm	United Service at PR Methodists

MEN'S BREAKFAST: This is on 14th September at 8.45am in the Church Hall and the speaker will be Pat Kerr on 'How I became a curate'. Cost £6 on the day. Please let Phil Ince know (philince@gmail.com) if you are coming.

LADIES' BREAKFAST: 21st September at 9am in Church. Speaker from the Lydia Prayer Fellowship.

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