

Collect for Fourteenth after Trinity

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

PRAYER POINTS:

- For Christian Aid.
- For all those who suffer daily as a result of conflict.
- For all students going off to University this month.
- For Harry Williams, being baptised today, and his family.
- For our country and its leaders in the current political crisis.
- For all those who give their gifts and talents to help our Church.

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

Suzie Aries, Norman Edwards, Richard Hayward, Shirley and Eric Watts, Alex Torrance, Liz and Paul Bracken, 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

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, and Jean Coleman.

WE REMEMBER WITH THANKSGIVING THE LIFE OF:

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News

Sunday September 22nd 2019, Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity and Thank you to God Sunday

Dear Friends,

Doing life together has become a popular theme/buzz word in the contemporary church. I recently visited a friend who is a pioneer minister (someone who is establishing a creative way of doing church in a contemporary world) and he was telling me all about the ministry he is involved in and how what he is doing is so much more than Sundays. It's about doing life with one another, having meals, hanging out, praying together, it was as if this was some sort of new concept, and although I understood his point on how sometimes church can become just a Sunday gathering, I wouldn't agree that this style of ministry was all that radical or new.

Today we look at the parable of the Good Samaritan, the man who sacrifices his own time, money and efforts to go out of the way for a stranger. He invested time and care into a situation he did not have to be a part of, he came and helped someone, brought love, hope and generosity. He showed him what it was to be church 'doing life with someone'. In the book of Acts it tells us how the early church devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer (Acts 2:42). Being church has always about doing life with one another. The early church shared in meals, caring for one another, worshipping together, praying for one another, they took community seriously and were the first pioneers of doing life together.

As we go about our life this week, how and when can we do life with one another, where can we be the church, in what it was created to be, a living breathing acting community of God. What can we bring to the community that will allow the church to flourish in all its fullness?

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 'Living'. Please look at the poster which explains the 6 week series.

THANK YOU TO GOD SUNDAY 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 available today to offer Gifts and Talents, Giving to Church and support of a part time Children's worker in 2020.

CHARITIES NOMINATIONS: "The PCC have voted and we have our chosen charities for 2020. Major- Christian Aid. Minors- Christian Pastoral Aid Society, Mercy Ships, Mission Aviation Fellowship, ROPE, Hamlin Fistula UK, Hearing Dogs for Deaf People and The Princes Centre. Thank you to everyone who submitted a nomination. Kaye Lillycrop "

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. For more details of this, and the rest of the weekend, contact Averil Stephenson at averilstephenson49@gmail.com or Tel: 01844 343649

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.

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 is welcome. If so, please contact Averil (see above).

POP-UP CHOIR: Would you be interested in being part of a Pop-Up choir to sing a few Christmas items at the annual service of carols being held in December? We know Christmas seems a long way off, but if we can form a little choir we will need a few rehearsals before the service. Please speak to Stuart or Jacquie if you would like to be involved and if you can read music, so much the better.

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

PILGRIMS WAY: David will be walking the Pilgrim's Way from Winchester to Canterbury next year from 31st May to 14th June. He would be delighted if people can join him for any part of the walk-see Viewpoint for full itinerary.

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Thank you to God Sunday

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

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

What's on in the week beginning Monday 23rd September

- Weds 25th** **9.00am** Wednesday Prayers in St Mary's
10.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's followed by coffee
Thurs 26th **10.30am** Coffee in the Chapter House
Fri 27th **2.00pm** Praise and Play
7.30pm Prayer Evening in Church
Sat 28th **10-12pm** Rape Crisis Coffee morning in the Chapter House.
10.00am Prayer Walk around Risborough from St Mary's
6.00pm Jo Williams performing in Dukes Wine Bar for Suzie

Sunday 29th September, Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Harvest Festival

Readings: Hosea 2: 14-15, 21-23, Luke 24:13-35

- 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
1.00pm Harvest Bring and Share Lunch

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