

Collect for Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

PRAYER POINTS:

- For Mercy Ships.
- For all those who suffer daily as a result of conflict.
- For all farmers and growers who work hard on the land all year to produce our food and for those who struggle to put food on the table.
- For our country and its leaders in the current political crisis.
- For all Thomas Cook employees facing redundancy.
- For our clergy, PCC and Churchwardens and all they do for St Mary's.

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 29th 2019, Harvest Festival

You, living Christ, our eyes behold

Amid your Church appearing

These are opening words from Edmund Morgan's hymn based upon Revelation 1. 12-16. As Bishop of Truro in the middle of the last century, it reflected something of the vision and hope of the church at the time. As I read today's gospel (uniquely from Luke), it always draws me back to the mind blowing encounter that Jesus had with those two dispirited and confused people near the end of that first Easter day.

We should note that these two were on a journey and Jesus came alongside. As often happens in unexpected encounters, all sorts of new perspectives came into play. The passage holds together the two ways in which most people experience Christ.

It links the scriptures with the sacrament. We need to study the scriptures to hear the truth. Also, we need to experience the sacrament of the eucharist to see the risen Christ. We experience the same Spirit of Christ in the scriptures and in the sacrament. Words are not tangible but can truly be inspirational. Bread and wine, however, can be touched and felt. The bread is not the Christ, but it conveys the Christ.

That journeying together provided new and challenging opportunities to see life in a fuller and deeper way for those two disciples walking to Emmaus. In our twenty first century time of confusion and low spirits following recent events, we might, like them, do well to share with others in the ministry of word, sacrament and prayer to see with new eyes the presence of the living Christ in the midst of the world that God so loves.

Bishop Morgan's hymn finishes with these words:

*O risen Christ, today alive,
Amid your Church abiding,
Who now your risen body give,
New life and strength providing,
We join in heavenly company
To sing your praise triumphantly
For we have seen your glory.*

Nick Molony

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

THANK YOU TO GOD: Thank you to all those who responded last Sunday. If you have not yet had the opportunity to do so, please read the enclosed flyer, take an appropriate leaflet from the rack and respond in thankfulness to God by offering Gifts and Talents, Giving to the Church and Support for a part time Children's worker in 2020.

CHILDREN'S WORKER PROJECT: There will a presentation about the project on Weds 2nd Oct in the Chapter House. The evening will start at 7pm with refreshments and the presentation will be at 7.30pm for about an hour. to inform about plans so far and what will come, together with a Q&A time. If you cannot make this date, there will be two further presentations, Sat 2nd Nov, 4pm until 5.30pm and Weds 27th Nov, 7pm. The presentations will all be the same so you only need attend one.

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

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 on 01833 343649 or at averilstephenson49@gmail.com

DAVID'S SPONSORED RUN: David will be doing the 10 mile Great South Run on October 20th in aid of the St Mary's Children's ministry. If you would like to sponsor him, please sign the list in Church or contact the Office.

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.

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

ST JOHN'S DINNER DANCE: This is on 19th October in Lacey Green Village Hall. See poster for details. £45, including 3 course meal, dancing to live band and raffle.

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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

What's on in the week beginning Monday 30th September

- Weds 2nd** **9.00am** Wednesday Prayers in St Mary's
10.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's followed by coffee
7.00pm Children's worker presentation evening
Thurs 3rd **10.30am** Coffee in the Chapter House
Fri 4th **2.00pm** Praise and Play

Sunday 6th October, Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Acts 3: 1-10, John 20: 19-22

- 8.00am** Holy Communion at St Mary's
9.30am Parish Communion followed by coffee
11.15am TGIS
3.00pm Open Door, a harvest tea in the Chapter House
6.00pm Evensong at St Peter's, Ilmer

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

POP-UP CHOIR: Would you be interested in being part of a Pop-Up choir to sing at the annual service of carols being held in December? See Stuart or Jacquie.

TIME TO REMEMBER LETTERS: If you can help deliver any of these, please check the table in Church to see if anyone lives near you.

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