

Collect for Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

PRAYER POINTS:

- For CMS Uganda.
- For all those who volunteer their time so readily for St Mary's.
- For the depressed, lonely and those who find life a struggle.
- For our country and its leaders in the current political crisis.
- For all those affected by the ebola crisis in Africa.
- For those affected by the hurricane devastation in the Bahamas and the US.

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

Sunday September 8th 2019, Twelfth Sunday after Trinity Patronal Festival

Dear Friends

Here we are in early September and already the weather is changing and the summer is behind us. I watched my daughter over the last three months challenge herself repeatedly in various amazing activities moving from comfort zone to stretch zone and occasionally into her personal panic zone.

This is not my favourite time of year, and yet it is a time of new beginnings in St Mary's as in schools and colleges and businesses. The news sheet last week was full of exciting opportunities: our new curate, Pat, starts his 3 week discipleship course which aims to help us find the best fit for us in all the roles that church offers; Splash Club at our church school in Longwick is looking for new people to help share the love of Christ with a group of 5 and 6 year old children; Hazel Wynn, inspired by her time at New Wine this summer, is looking forward to next summer and hoping to encourage others to join her, and; Michael Hoey and others are looking for support in the Historic Churches Bike Ride.

In addition, St Mary's Church as a whole has much going on this month: this Sunday brings our patronal festival, a celebration bringing us all together into one service followed by cake and drinks; later this month brings Thank You to God Sunday when we will all be challenged and encouraged to reflect on how we might best use our gifts and giving at St Mary's.

I am challenging myself this autumn to break out of my comfort zone and to grasp opportunities that come along. What opportunity will you be grasping this autumn? How far will you move from your comfort zone to your stretch zone?

Louise Fell

NEWS & NOTICES.

ST MARY'S PATRONAL FESTIVAL: Drinks and cake will be served after today's service so do stay and enjoy the chance to socialize.

NETWORK COURSE: Even if you missed last week, you can still join this course. Wednesday the 11th and 18th. For all the Church family. Light refreshments.

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

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. Sheila Hazell will be speaking on 'Prayer'.

THANK YOU TO GOD SUNDAY: This is on Sunday 22nd Sept. See leaflet enclosed.

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 celebrated on 29th September and there will be a bring and share lunch after TGIS. We will be supporting Saunderton Lodge so harvest gifts will be welcome.

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. Have a look at the new wine website and see if you fancy joining me!' Hazel.

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. We would ask that you pray for international governments, organisations and individuals to take the necessary actions to reduce this environmental threat (for options see the link given on the Christian Aid Website <https://globalclimatestrike.net/organise/#workplace-ideas>). There are Christian Aid fliers available in Church which give further background."

ST JOHNS DINNER DANCE: Sat 19th Oct at 7pm at Lacey Green Village Hall. Drinks reception, 3 course meal, dancing to 6 piece group 'Band of Gold' and fabulous auction prizes. £45 a ticket. Contact the Parish Office for ticket details. Tables of 8 or come individually.

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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

What's on in the week beginning Monday 9th September

- Mon 9th** **3.00pm** Bereavement Drop-in in the Chapter House
Weds 11th **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 12th **10.30am** Coffee in the Chapter House
Fri 13th **2.00pm** Praise and Play
Sat 14th **8.45am** Men's breakfast in Church Hall

Sunday 15th September, Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

CAN YOU GIVE A HOME TO A PIANO? There is a Danemann piano in the church hall which has been unused for some time. From a musical perspective, it is intact with all the keys in good order, albeit it is likely to need tuning. It needs some repair to the backcloth and the woodwork will need revarnishing. If you would like this piano, please contact Paul Seward via the Church Office. A small contribution to church funds would be appreciated

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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