

**Collect for Twentieth Sunday after Trinity**

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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**

God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**PRAYER POINTS:**

- For Christian Aid.
- For our country and its Government in the current political crisis.
- For Jean Davis whose dedication is today, and her family.
- For David, his mother, brother and their family as they mourn the loss of David's father, Gary.
- For firefighters who risk their lives in terrible situations to save others.

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

Suzie Aries, Frances Goodchild, Rob and Sally Goodchild, Iris Austin, Joseph Fell, Norman Edwards, John Hardy, Jim Cadwallader, The Goodridge family, Richard Hayward, Shirley and Eric Watts, Alex Torrance, Liz and Paul Bracken, Mary Kent, Sue List, Gladys Page, Michael & Susan Hopkins, Kelly May, Gordon & Kathleen Plumridge, Joyce Bapty, Richard Heaney, Alex Lake, Barbara Higgins, Simon Clegg.

**WE HAVE ALSO BEEN ASKED TO PRAY FOR:**

Arabella Smith, Gideon, Mary Jefferies, Keith & Judy Brambleby, Barbara Platts, Tony Mead, Hazel Boon, Helena Oecken, Jean Moses, Bill & Marge Philips, Jean Coleman Liz Lister and Mary Williams.

**WE REMEMBER WITH THANKSGIVING THE LIVES OF:**

Alan Austin, Gary Williams.

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# News

## Sunday November 3rd 2019, All Saints Sunday

**Dear Friends,**

As I write this there are 3 main stories dominating the headlines. By the time you read this you may know if England has managed to beat South Africa in the Rugby World Cup. (For some people sport is more important than anything else). Then we are into a General Election. I have to say I am wondering if I could go abroad for the next 6 weeks and just come back for Christmas. Then, finally, there is the first part of the Grenfell Towers report on the fire although on my Yahoo it doesn't get a mention – Strictly is far more important!

So how do all these things relate to our Christian faith? Do we, as the Church, have anything to say to our society about the way it works? Well I believe this is God's world, all of it, and that he cares about it and how we treat it and everyone in it and so, as God's people, I believe we have something to say to society about how it works and particularly the values that it pursues. I don't think the Bible tells us how to vote in a General Election but I do think that God can give us instructions about how we should treat each other and his world whether in sport, politics or social conditions.

Our reading, from Luke, sets out some of God's principles. He says that he is on the side of those at the bottom of society, the poor, the hungry, those who weep and he issues warnings to those who are rich. Now although Jesus challenged some to give up earthly wealth and down through the ages many have, this was not a universal calling. There are many wealthy people who supported Jesus and the early Church without apparently giving everything up. But I do believe that God longs for his world to be a fair one where everyone gets the opportunity to fulfil their potential, although how this can be achieved is not easy to see. We haven't done that well so far.

But I do think that the other part of our reading should be taken seriously by all of us at this time. We live in a world where, especially in the public sector, aggressive confrontation seems to be the accepted norm. Now differing opinions and debate about the best way forward is normal and has always been the way but Jesus says that at the root of it should be a love of our enemies and a generosity of spirit. Let's pray at this time for this to be the case as we discuss the issues that face us in our politics, social issues and even in sport.

**Revd. Steve Williams**

## NEWS & NOTICES.

**DAVID:** David would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support at this difficult time following the death of his father.

**GIVING:** If you have not yet offered your gifts or talents to St Mary's, and would still like to, please take a Thank You to God leaflet which explains how you can do so. There is still time for you to make a difference to St Mary's, including its children's work.

**CHILDREN'S WORKER PRESENTATION:** The final presentation will be on 27<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. If you have not been able to make the earlier dates, please come along to this one and find out about our children's work project for next year.

**PRAYER EVENING:** There will be a prayer evening in Church on Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7.30pm.

**LADIES' BREAKFAST:** The next ladies' breakfast will be on Sat 9<sup>th</sup> November, 9am in Church and the speaker will be Rev Rose Williams.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** The next men's breakfast will also be on 9<sup>th</sup> Nov, 8.45am, in the Church Hall. Pete Wynn will be speaking on the subject of Remembrance.

**ADVENT COFFEE MORNING:** There will be an advent coffee morning in St Mary's on Sat 16<sup>th</sup> November from 10 to 12 noon. Hamper raffle, tombola, cakes, chocolate, angels and brass band playing carols. Come and support this event as all proceeds are in aid of Lighthouse. All donations of cakes would be most welcome for our cake stall along with offers of help on the day and setting up. Thank you.' Jacquie (PR 345367).

**ADVENT COURSE:** Michael Hunt will be leading an Advent Course on Weds 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7.45pm. The course is entitled From Darkness to Light- a journey in Advent and will be a mix of study, reflection and prayer. More details to follow but please put the dates in your diary.

**PRAYER MINISTRY AT 9.30 SERVICE:** From 1<sup>st</sup> December, Prayer Ministry is being reintroduced at this service once a month. There is an article giving full details in the November Viewpoint so please read. Alternatively, contact Averil on [averil.stephenson49@gmail.com](mailto:averil.stephenson49@gmail.com).

**POP-UP CHOIR:** 'Please speak to Stuart (PR 345927) or Jacquie (PR 345367) if you would like to be involved in a pop up Christmas choir.' Jacquie.

**WYCOMBE HOMELESS CONNECTION:** are having a Big Sleep Out on Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 7.30pm at Adams Park to raise money to help those who are homeless. Sleeping in the stands, mostly under cover, hot drinks and toilets available. See [www.wycoc.org.uk](http://www.wycoc.org.uk) to sign up or email: [samantha.martin@wyhoc.org.uk](mailto:samantha.martin@wyhoc.org.uk)

**PRINCES RISBOROUGH CHORAL SOCIETY:** The autumn concert will be on Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 7.30pm in St Mary's. Tickets available from the PR Cook Shop, Art and Office and the Information Centre in the Library. Transport required, call PR 345554.

### Sunday 3rd November, All Saints

**Readings: Daniel 7: 1-3, 15-18, Luke 6:20-31**

- 8.00am** Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 9.30am** Parish Communion followed by coffee
- 11.15am** TGIS inc Dedication
- 3.00pm** Time To Remember Service at St Mary's
- 6.00pm** Evensong at St Peter's, Ilmer

### What's on in the week beginning Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November

- Weds 6th**
  - 9.30am** Wednesday Prayers in St Mary's
  - 10.30am** Holy Communion at St Mary's followed by coffee
- Thurs 7th**
  - 10.30am** Coffee in the Chapter House
- Fri 8th**
  - 2.00pm** Praise and Play
  - 7.30pm** Prayer Evening in Church
- Sat 9th**
  - 8.45am** Men's breakfast in the Church Hall
  - 9.00am** Ladies breakfast in Church
  - 10.30am** Churchyard Tidy-up

### Sunday 10th November, Remembrance Sunday

**Reading: Matthew 5:1-12**

- 8.00am** Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 10.00am** Civic Service in St Mary's
- 10.00am** Family service in the Church Hall
- 3.00pm** Open Door, a remembrance tea, in the Chapter House
- 3.00pm** Service at Icknield Court

**CHURCHYARD SWEEP UP:** There will be a Churchyard sweep up and tidy up in preparation for Remembrance Sunday Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Nov after the men's breakfast.

**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