

Collect for Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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 forever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints forever. **Amen**

PRAYER POINTS:

- For the Children's Society.
- For our Police, firefighters and Ambulance services, striving to keep us safe
- For the people of Syria suffering as a result of the Turkey/Syria offensive.
- For the campaign against climate change.
- For all those who volunteer for charities and other organisations to help others.
- For our clergy, churchwardens and PCC.

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

Suzie Aries, Iris Austin, Joseph Fell, Norman Edwards, Richard Hayward, Shirley and Eric Watts, Alex Torrance, Liz and Paul Bracken, John Hardy, Mary Kent, Sue List, 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:

Arabella Smith, 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:

Alan Austin

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News

Sunday October 20th 2019, Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Dear Friends

Have you ever felt your voice is not heard? Have you felt powerless to get justice? Even if that isn't your experience, it is the reality for many. Some cry out persistently to be heard. Others give up in despair. It's hard not to give up when things go from bad to worse and prayer seems useless.

Jesus noticed the people whose voice is not heard, those with little hope. Luke's gospel highlights the relevance of Jesus' 'good news' for poor, oppressed and powerless people. Today's gospel (Luke 18: 1 – 8) is Jesus' parable about a judge and a widow. The judge has the power, but is unjust. The poor were unlikely to receive justice from a judge open to bribery or political corruption. Without an influential male relative to plead for her, the widow had little hope, but was determined to get justice. She wouldn't give up. She bothered him relentlessly. For the sake of a quiet life, the judge eventually gave in to her persistence.

Luke tells us Jesus told the disciples this parable to show them *"they should always pray and not give up."* Jesus' point is that even if such an unsympathetic judge can be swayed by a poor but persistent woman, how much more will God vindicate those who cry day and night for justice in the world.

It is tempting to give up praying when we feel our prayers are unheard. But prayer doesn't work like an Amazon prime account, in which we place an order and get next day delivery of what we want. The widow in the parable asked for justice, not self-gratification. She was sufficiently committed to justice, to persist in asking as long as it took. God always hears when we cry to him in real need, or when we pray for others in need. God cares about our deepest needs. He responds in love, but it may not be in the way or in the timeframe that we expect. The prayer of faith keeps on trusting God to deliver both justice and mercy. The prayer of faith doesn't give up but keeps on praying, *"Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done."*

"Lord, teach us always to pray and not give up."

Nancy Wallace

NEWS & NOTICES.

ALL SOULS SERVICE ON 31ST OCT AT 10.30AM: Please look at the list of names in Church to see if there are any names you wish to be added to be read out.

LIGHT PARTY: This will be on Thursday 31st October from 4.30pm to 6.30pm in Church. Please see leaflets and poster for details

GIVING: If you have not yet offered your gifts or talents to St Mary's, and would still like to do so, 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.

CHILDREN'S WORKER PRESENTATION: The next Children's worker presentation will be on Saturday 2nd November from 4pm to 5.30pm. We hope that as many people as possible will come along. The final one will be on 27th November at 7pm.

TIME TO REMEMBER: The Time to Remember Service is on November 3rd at 3pm. This service is for the recently bereaved and is a chance to give thanks for loved ones.

RENNIE GROVE HOSPICE CARE: There will be a Christmas Card and Calendar sale in aid of Rennie Grove Hospice Care on Tuesday 22nd October from 10am to 3.30pm. It will be at Eaves Court, The Retreat, Princes Risborough.

COFFEE MORNING FOR FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE HOSPICE: This will be at Hazel Trees, 12, Bell Crescent on Friday 25th October from 10-12. Christmas Cards, Bring and Buy, Raffle. Admission £2 inc refreshments

LET'S TALK ABOUT DEMENTIA: On 25th October at 10am until 11.30am there will be a talk by Dementia Friends at the Methodist Church, Wycombe Road.

READING AT LONGWICK SCHOOL: Can you spare some time to hear a child read at Longwick School? Please contact the Parish Office or Mrs Gill Healy via Longwick School at Office@longwick.bucks.sch.uk to see how you can help.

PATHWAYS: The autumn issue is now available. Pick up your free copy of the magazine for churches across the Diocese of Oxford. From deepening your spiritual life to practical tips on living out your faith, *Pathways* is designed to provide something for everyone.

SUZIE'S FUND: Suzie Aries has now raised an incredible £110,054 towards the £250,000 needed for her immunotherapy treatment. Please continue to give if you can and help her reach the goal.

CHURCHYARD SWEEP UP: There will be a Churchyard sweep up and tidy up in preparation for Remembrance Sunday on Sat 2nd and Sat 9th Nov in the morning. Please let the office or Pete Wynn know if you can help

RAPE CRISIS COFFEE MORNING: There will be a rape crisis coffee morning on Sat 26th October at 10am in the Chapter House.

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Readings: Jer. 31: 27-34, Luke 18: 1-8

- 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** Children Led TGIS led by inc breaking of bread
- 6.00pm** Later at the Methodist Church

What's on in the week beginning Monday 21st October

- Weds 23rd**
 - 9.00am** Wednesday Prayers in St Mary's
 - 10.30am** Holy Communion at St Mary's followed by coffee
 - 2.00pm** Alan Austin's Funeral at St Mary's
- Thurs 24th**
 - 10.30am** Coffee in the Chapter House
- Fri 25th**
 - 10.00am** Florence Nightingale Hospice Coffee Morning.
 - 2.00pm** Praise and Play

Sunday 27th October, Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Isaiah 45: 22-end, Luke 4:16-24

- 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 inc Baptism

CLIMATE CRISIS TALK: On Tuesday 29th October at 7.30pm there will be a talk about the climate crisis and how Christians can respond. The talk will be by Dr Martin and Rev Margot Hodson who are both experts in the field. See leaflet for details.

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