

Collect for Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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

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 CMS Uganda.
- For our Government as they strive to resolve the Brexit situation.
- For Elena Ancell, being baptised today and her family.
- For those who suffer in terrible conditions as a result of human trafficking and modern slavery.
- For the families of the migrants killed in their desperate attempt to escape their country.
- For Zoe Elliott and Nick Shurrock, married this week at St Peter's.

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 and Liz Lister.

WE REMEMBER WITH THANKSGIVING THE LIFE OF:

Alan Austin

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**Sunday October 27th 2019, Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity
BIBLE SUNDAY**

Dear Friends,

I wonder what the Bible means to us and what part it has played in our lives. Do we have several versions that we relish or just one gathering dust on a shelf or something in-between? Do we read the Bible every day, once a week or once in a blue moon? Depending on how we answer these questions will show how we value this book.

In our nation, formerly, people have paid a heavy price for the Bible to be available to all; whether suffering persecution to the point of death, such as the Lollards, or making huge attempts to buy one; such as Mary Jones the fifteen year old welsh girl, who in 1799 walked 26 miles barefoot to buy one. Yet, today our society is throwing out the Bible as having any relevance for how we live today.

However, the Bible still has the power to change lives radically and connect us with the living God, as I discovered forty-six years ago at a point of crisis. In desperation, I opened a Gideon Bible and found God speaking to me direct about my situation. From that moment I turned to God.

The reading for Bible Sunday is Psalm 119 vv 129 – 136 which motivates God's people to value the Bible highly. First, it is described as containing the wonderful, divine Law of how we should live; with the unfolding of God's words bringing understanding as we explore them.

It connects us with the living God as we meet Him through reading His word and it nourishes/feeds our souls like food to the body.

The Bible gives us protection from all kinds of temptation; especially the pressure to conform to other values which clash with those of God. The Psalm expresses a humble, teachable attitude. Yet, it also reminds us of God's forgiveness when we fail. Here there is no harsh condemnation of those who ignore God's book, but a genuine grief for their neglect of God and the sense that they are missing out and causing hurt to themselves and others.

How can we make this treasure available to others today?

Averil Stephenson

NEWS & NOTICES.

LIGHT PARTY: This will be on Thursday 31st October from 4.30pm to 6.30pm in Church. Please see leaflets and poster for details. All welcome. There will be great fun for everyone so please let Gill know if you can come (gill.sunfold@googlemail.com). Help is also needed to cook sausages, help with craft and tidy up so please let Stella know if you can help (PR 342129)

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.

PRAYER EVENING: There will be a prayer evening in Church on Fri 8th Nov at 7.30pm

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

MENS BREAKFAST: The next men's breakfast will also be on 9th Nov, 8.45am, in the Church Hall.

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.

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

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 (PR 345927) or Jacquie (PR 345367) if you would like to be involved and if you can read music, so much the better.' Jacquie

WYCOMBE HOMELESS CONNECTION: are having a Big Sleep Out on Sat 23rd 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.wycombcoc.org.uk to sign up or email: (samantha.martin@wyhoc.org.uk)

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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

What's on in the week beginning Monday 28th October

- Tues 29th** **7.30pm** Climate Change Crisis talk in Chapter House
Weds 30th **9.30am** Wednesday Prayers in St Mary's
10.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's followed by coffee
Thurs 31st **10.30am** Coffee in the Chapter House
4.30pm Light Party in St Mary's Church
Sat 2nd **10.00am** Churchyard Tidy -up
4.00pm Children's Worker Project Presentation- Chapter House
NB No Praise and Play as Half Term

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
3.00pm Evensong at St Peter's, Ilmer (NB Winter Time)

DATES FOR DIARY: There will be an Advent course on Weds December 4th, 11th and 18th at 7.45pm in the Chapter House. The course will be led by Michael Hunt. Please keep the dates free, details to follow.

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