

Collect for Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

PRAYER POINTS:

- For ROPE.
- For all those who live with addiction.
- For our children's ministry at St Mary's.
- For our country and its leaders in the current political crisis.
- For the people of Iraq caught up in the violence there.
- For all Church volunteers who give their time and energy so freely.

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:

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 LIVES OF:

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News

Sunday October 6th 2019, Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**Dear Friends**

This Sunday is the last in our current series thinking about journeying together and growing the pastoral heart of St Mary's. Over the last six weeks we've thought about caring, loving, healing, living, journeying and finally, this week, connecting. Each one allowing an opportunity to reflect on different aspects of the caring mission that we are called to as we follow Jesus. If you want to catch up on any of the talks they are available on the St Mary's website.

Whilst at theological college we were encouraged to think about the biblical images of care, of which there are many. For example shepherd (Psalm 23), midwife (John 10: 10), gardener (Jeremiah 12), wise fool (1 Corinthians 4: 10), wounded healer (1 Peter 2:24) and hospitality (Genesis 18: 1-15).

One author had a different take on the shepherd image, focusing on the sheepdog. The sheepdog has two all-consuming attractions – the sheep and the shepherd. Whilst the eyes of the sheepdog are on the sheep, its ears are focussed ceaselessly on the shepherd's call. Both are needed for the sheepdog to do its job. The author also notes that sheepdogs do a lot of lying about. They can put every fibre of their being to the work when required. But they are also (and often) simply at ease allowing the sheep to get on with their lives, feeding, communicating and just 'being' together.

I've found this to be a helpful image as I think about what it means to care, to love, to heal, to live, to journey and to connect. Keeping my eyes open to the people and situations I encounter, keeping my ears open to God's guidance and call, recognising there are times when something needs to be done, but many more times when the task is to simply lie around being with those I meet, and remembering this is a shared activity with God and each other.

Michael Hunt

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

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.

PILGIMS 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

THANK YOU: 'David and Jo wish to thank everybody in the Church family for celebrating their 10th anniversary of ministry in Princes Risborough. We were so touched by your kindness to us. Many thanks.' Jo.

CHILDREN'S WORKER PROJECT: If you were unable to make the Children's Worker Project Presentation last week, 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.

PRINCES RISBOROUGH COMMUNITY SAFETY: On Thursday 17th October at 7pm there will be a community safety event at the Community Centre, Wades Park. This is a great chance to find out more about how we can keep our community safe. Free entry and refreshments.

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.

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. Contact Caroline PR 275917 or Ann 01494 563386.

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, with Samuel Eninu, followed by coffee
11.15am TGIS with Samuel Eninu
3.00pm Open Door, a harvest tea in the Chapter House
6.00pm Evensong at St Peter's, Ilmer

What's on in the week beginning Monday 7th October

- Tues 8th** **9.30am** Prayer Ministry Training in the Chapter House
Weds 9th **9.00am** Wednesday Prayers in St Mary's
10.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's followed by coffee
Thurs 10th **10.30am** Coffee in the Chapter House
Fri 11th **2.00pm** Praise and Play
Sat 12th **7.30pm** Aylesbury Opera concert at St Mary's

Sunday 13th October, Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Jer. 29: 1, 4-7, Luke 17:11-19

- 8.00am** Holy Communion at St Mary's
9.30am Parish Communion followed by coffee
11.15am TGIS with Baptism
3.00pm Service at Icknield Court
6.00pm United Service at St Mary's

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