

<p>Collect for Second Sunday before Advent Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen</p>	<p>Post Communion Prayer Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. . Amen</p>
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Sunday November 17th 2019, Second Sunday before Advent

PRAYER POINTS:

- For the work of ROPE.
- For all people whose lives are a daily struggle in war torn countries.
- For all those suffering as a result of the floods in northern England.
- For those caught up in the ongoing violence in Hong Kong.
- For the homeless, facing such difficult conditions as winter approaches.
- For all children unable to have a normal happy childhood, such as young carers, those suffering bereavement and those coping with disabilities.
- For our Church family.

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

Suzie Aries, Frances Goodchild, Rob and Sally Goodchild, Marion Long, Jo Williams, 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 and Colin West.

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Dear Friends,

On first hearing today's readings appear rather threatening but in both cases there is good news to follow even if it is conditional.

The first reading is from Malachi, the final book of the Old Testament, and starts with the prophet issuing threats of serious retribution on the arrogant and evildoers in our world. In today's situations of fake news, manipulation and oppression it is not difficult to imagine who might fall foul of this threat.

But there is a silver lining – the second verse contains this wonderful assurance: 'But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings.' What a lovely picture and surely a worthwhile objective for every one of us. Let us revere the name of the One who created us, who loves us and provides for us and protects and sustains us.

In Hebrew culture, someone's name is more than a simple way of knowing who we are talking about; their name is their true identity. So when we pray, 'Hallowed be thy Name ...' we are praising God for who he is but also for everything that he does for us and for his creation. So let us consciously revere his holy name and look forward to the sun of righteousness rising above us.

In our Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus warns his disciples to be wary of false messiahs and prophets and I'm sure he would include false leaders and politicians who promise wonderful futures but have no intention or resources to provide them. Jesus also predicts wars and natural disasters and, surely, these are happening all around us with floods, hurricanes, forest fires and famines being reported daily.

But again, Jesus reassures us that we should make up our minds not to worry for he will give us the words and wisdom to deal with the situations we find ourselves in. He ends by saying, 'By standing firm you will gain life.' So let us revere the name of the one true God and stand firm in the name of his Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Let us focus afresh on Jesus and, through him, build up our relationship with our loving Father who is already waiting with open arms to greet us when we turn to him.

Peter Cline

NEWS & NOTICES.

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. The deadline for doing this is the 1st December so there is still time for you to make a difference to St Mary's.

CHILDREN'S WORKER PRESENTATION: The third Children's' Worker presentation evening that was scheduled for Weds evening, 27th Nov has been cancelled. It will be replaced by a presentation on Sunday 1st Dec between the end of the 9.30 service and the start of TGIS. Please do come and stay on from the 9.30 or arrive a little earlier for TGIS so that you can hear and share in the exciting developments that are happening in this area of our Church work. This will be the final opportunity to share in the presentations. If any questions now, please contact Pete Wynn.

ADVENT QUIET DAY SAT NOV 30TH: At Great Kimble Church from 10am to 3pm led by Rose Williams. Looking at the life of Elizabeth, we explore the Disappointments, Difficulties and Delights of the Christian life and spend some quality time with God Cost £5 (on the day) bring a packed lunch. All welcome to come and relax and enjoy. Contact Rose Williams (01844 274225)

ADVENT COURSE 4/11/18 DEC: Led by Michael Hunt at 7.45pm in the Chapter House. The course is entitled From Darkness to Light - a journey in Advent and will be a mix of study, reflection and prayer. Please let Michael or the Office know if you would like to attend.

PRAYER MINISTRY AT 9.30 SERVICE: From 1st December, Prayer Ministry is being reintroduced at this service once a month. Read more details in the November Viewpoint or contact Averil on averil.stephenson49@gmail.com.

PRINCES RISBOROUGH CHORAL SOCIETY: The autumn concert will be on Sat 23rd Nov at 7.30pm in St Mary's. Tickets available from the PR Cook Shop, Art and Office and the Information Centre in the Library.

DAVID'S RUN SPONSORSHIP MONEY: If you have sponsored David and still need to pay, we would be very grateful if you could let the Office have your contribution by the end of this month. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CRAFT MORNING: This will be on Sat 7th December from 10am to 12.30pm in the Church Hall. £3 for first child, £2 for 2nd etc. Booking essential so please contact Gill on gill.sunfold@googlemail.com or the Office.

RAF CHRISTMAS CONCERT: This is on Sat 14th Dec at 7.30pm at St Mary's and promises to be a fun, festive concert. Tickets from Office: £10 adults, £8 concessions

PR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON: This is on Saturday 30th Nov, 3-6pm and CTR are having a stall. So do come along and support.

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Reading: Malachi 4: 1-2a, Luke 21: 5-19

- 8.00am** Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 9.00am** Holy Communion at St Peter's
- 9.30am** Parish Communion followed by coffee
- 11.15am** TGIS with children's groups and breaking of bread

What's on in the week beginning Monday 18th November

- Weds 20th 9.30am** Wednesday Prayers in St Mary's
- 10.30am** Holy Communion at St Mary's followed by coffee
- Thurs 21st 10.30am** Coffee in the Chapter House
- Fri 22nd 2.00pm** Praise and Play

Sunday 24th November, Christ the King

Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6, Luke 23:33-43

- 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 with children's groups
- 4.00pm** Tree of Light Service in Duke Street

ST ANDREW'S BOOKSHOP EXCLUSIVE OPEN EVENING: Thursday 5th December from 7pm to 8.30pm come along to St Andrew's in Great Missenden to browse and buy from their selection of Christmas books and gifts. Special discounts available on the night, drinks and mince pies will be served. Lifts can be provided – see the Office.

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