

Collect for Sunday Next before Advent

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

PRAYER POINTS:

- For Mercy Ships.
- For all people whose lives are a daily struggle in war torn countries.
- For our clergy, David and Michael, curate Pat and all our retired clergy as we approach the busy run up to Christmas.
- For Rose Hudson-Wilkin, the newly appointed Bishop of Dover, the first black woman to be appointed a Bishop.
- For our country and its leaders in the run up to the election.

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, 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:

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:

Gary Williams and Colin West.

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News

Sunday November 24th 2019, Sunday Next before Advent and Christ the King

Dear Friends,

Christ the King

Today is the last Sunday of the church's year when we celebrate the feast of Christ the King and our calling to be God's Kingdom People.

Have you noticed that for the last few weeks the altar frontal and falls have been red? Tony, our Sacristan, explained to me that this is because we are in the Kingdom Season, the culmination of the liturgical year. It is a good time for looking back over the last year and reflecting on how God has guided us, together as His people, and as individuals each on our own Christian path. It is also an opportunity to think about how we have used God's gifts to us, our time, our talents and our money in His service. This is a time to celebrate what has been and to plan our next steps, making our new year's resolutions in faith.

As today's readings remind us, we are called to live lives of service to a King who came to save us through His sacrifice of himself and to serve others, not to be served. How well have we listened to His message and tried to follow His example this year?

May we join whole-heartedly in today's post Communion prayer:

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The wills of your faithful people;
That they, plenteously bringing forth the fruits of good works,
May by you be plenteously rewarded,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen.

Debby Cadwallader

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 Sun 1st Dec between the end of the 9.30 service and the start of TGIS. Please do come and share in the exciting developments that are happening in this area of our Church work. Any questions, contact Pete Wynn.

THANK YOU: 'Thank you to all those who were able to support the recent coffee morning, for all the cakes and goodies and those who were able to help on the day. A huge thank you to those who came and spent some money, we have raised almost £700 for Lighthouse, a wonderful result.' Jacquie.

PR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON: This is on Sat 30th Nov, 3-6pm and CTR are having a stall. If you can help man the stall from 3-3.30pm, do let the office know

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.

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.

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.

DAVID'S SPONSORED RUN: So far, £300 has been raised which is a great result. If you have still to pay, please could you do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

LIGHTHOUSE QUIZ SHEETS: The annual quiz sheets which are sold in aid of Lighthouse will be on sale this morning. They are £1 each and a prize will be awarded for the winning entry in January. If you would like to buy one please see Gill Wilkinson after the service.

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

- 8.00am** Holy Communion at St Mary's
9.30am Parish Communion with talk by Wendy Pawsey from Compassion followed by coffee.
11.00am Family Service at St Peter's, Ilmer
11.15am TGIS with children's groups and talk by Wendy Pawsey
4.00pm Tree of Light Service in Duke Street

What's on in the week beginning Monday 25th November

- Weds 27th** **9.30am** Wednesday Prayers in St Mary's
10.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's followed by coffee
Thurs 28th **10.30am** Coffee in the Chapter House
Fri 29th **2.00pm** Praise and Play
Sat 30th **3.00pm** Christmas Lights Switch on with CTR stall

Sunday 1st December, Advent Sunday

Reading: Isaiah 2: 1-5, Matthew 24, 36-44

- 8.00am** Holy Communion at St Mary's
9.30am Parish Communion followed by coffee
10.30am Children's worker presentation.
11.15am TGIS with children's groups
3.00pm Open Door, a Christmas tea, in the Chapter House
6.00pm Churches Together in Risborough Advent Service at Elim Church

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL AT ST JOHN'S: This will take place between 5th and 8th December at St John's Church, Lacey Green. More entries are needed so if you would like to enter a tree, please contact Jenny (PR 343910) or the Office. Trees can be decorated on a theme of your choice depicting village life or maybe life 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