



Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Olney

Sunday 18th February

Today's Services



10.00am Holy Communion Service

6.00pm Mix at Six

Welcome and notices

Hymn: 160 *Forty days and forty nights*

Reading: *Genesis 9: 8-17* pg 7

Hymn: 494 *O, for a closer walk with God*

Gospel: *Mark 1: 9-15* pg 33

Collect: Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Intercessions ®: With our God: **all things are possible.**

We pray for our church and for those who serve in the name of Jesus Christ. For our Wardens and ministry team as they lead us through the interregnum and for our PCC members who will support them.

We pray for our world: For those who suffer discrimination, live in occupied countries, through natural and man-made disasters, refugees, homeless and the isolated.

We pray for the sick: *Chris Hobson, Toby O'Grady, Susan Betts, Kevin, Helen, David, George Scott, Lucy Mason, Jacky, Pat Major, Bar Fegen, Georgie and Iris Hamblin.*

Pray for the souls of the recently departed and their families: *Linda Joyce, Ivor Pibworth, Fiona Allen, Peggy Howkins, Glynne Thomas and Sandra.*

We remember and give thanks for those whose Yearsmind is now.

There will be a collection during the hymn immediately following the sharing of the peace. If you have already given through some other means or feel you are unable to give, please pass the plate on.

Hymn: 396 *Just as I am*

Eucharistic Prayer: A

Hymn: 651 *The kingdom of God*

Prayer: Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Listening Ear – This confidential listening service is offered after the 10am service every Sunday.

Some material included is

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Pancake Race. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the Pancake Race in any form. It was a great, successful day and was enjoyed by all.

Shrove Tuesday. Thank you to all who helped and supported the events of Shrove Tuesday.

Friday 2nd March 2.00 pm. Women's World day of Prayer in the United Reform Church, Olney.

SoulTime Breakfast. The next breakfast will be on Saturday 3rd March 8.30 – 10.00 am in the Church Hall. This is open to everyone not just church members so please encourage others to come.

Life Path Newton is back in Olney 21–25 May.

Nearly 1,000 children over 3 days will come to the town and hear about John Newton, learn lots of new skills and have a great party time on the Glebe field, but above all hear more about the Christian faith in a fun way. All the churches in Olney are part of this venture. If you can help in any way for one day or all week, that would be wonderful (anyone a First Aider?) If you would like to know more speak to me please - *Janet Lawrence.*

Thanks to everyone who sponsored the welcomers at the Ride and Stride last September we have now received our cheque for £53.63.

Interregnum information. We will be re-starting the process in due course. For information contact:

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The Leprosy Mission. Thank you all so much for the support through our fundraising coffee morning, plus the postage stamps and postcards which keep coming to me. £175 has been sent to TLM.

Church Cleaning Rota. We urgently need two new volunteers to join the team for cleaning of the church. This involves dusting and polishing once a month. If you can help please contact Anne on 712380 it would be much appreciated.

Annual Church Report. If you are a member of a church group please send your report to Pat in the church office for inclusion in the report. Thank you.

Next week's services:

Mon	19th	11:00am	<i>Moment on Monday</i>
Wed	21st	9.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
Sun	25th	10.00am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
		5.00pm	<i>Choral Evensong</i>