



Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Olney

Sunday 22nd April

Today's Services



10.00am Holy Communion Service

5.00pm Evensong

Welcome and notices

Hymn: 756 *When morning gilds the skies - omit v 4-5*

Reading: Acts 4: 5-12 pg 117

Hymn: 649 *The King of love my Shepherd is*

Gospel: John 10: 11-18 pg 100

Collect: Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Intercessions ®: The Lord is our Good Shepherd: **there is nothing we shall lack**

We pray for our church and for those who serve in the name of Jesus Christ. For all those who have steered us through this interregnum and for our new Rector Rev Andrew Pritchard-Keens, his wife Fenella and children Emily and Sebastian as they prepare for their move to Olney.

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

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

Pray for the souls of the recently departed and their families: *Peggy Howkins, Glynne Thomas, Ron Whatley, Chris Hobson and Ian Joyce.*

We remember and give thanks for those whose Yearmind 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: 278 *I know that my Redeemer lives*

Eucharistic Prayer: A

Hymn: 315 *I will sing the wondrous story*

Prayer: Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

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Christian Aid Week 13th –19th May. Volunteers are needed to help with the house-to-house collections. If you can spare a few hours to cover a small area or even just a few houses, please sign up on the sheet at the back of Church or speak to Sally or Malcolm Jones.

Saturday 12th May 2 - 4.30pm Cream Teas in the Church Hall. Delicious home-made scones and cakes. All proceeds to Christian Aid. Everybody welcome!

Holiday Bible Club 6th - 10th August "Up and Away." Auditions for the Holiday Bible Club drama will be taking place on Saturday 28th April at 4.30 pm in the Baptist Church. Anyone aged 10 or over is welcome to attend. Please let Hilary Terry on 01234 240847 or hgterry@btinternet.com know if you would like to attend.

Annual Church Meeting will be held on 29th April after a shortened 10.00 am service. This is your chance to hear what is happening and, as a church member, have your say or ask questions about the reports. Reports are available from today, or you can see/download online at olney.church/media.

Food Bank. We are asking you to help revitalise our support for the Food Bank by buying one extra non-perishable food item next time you go shopping and popping it in the blue box. For more information please contact Kate Nicholas (Vilkaitis) at katenicholas3@gmail.com.

Lifepath Newton Tues 22nd - 24th May returns to Olney with over 350 pupils expected each day 9:30-2:30. It is a fun and dynamic event where the children come to explore the Christian faith through the lifepath of John Newton and meeting John Newton himself!

As we are in effect hosting this event we need helpers from the church. We already have **some** lovely ones. It doesn't have to be onerous, or even close to the children! It doesn't have to be every day. If you feel you can give an hour or two please sign the board at the back, and/or speak to Janet Lawrence 01234 240 568 to find out more.

Diary Date. Sunday 9th September at 6.00pm in church. Service of Licensing for Rev Andrew Pritchard-Keens.

Next week's services

Wed	25 th	9.30am	Holy Communion Trad
Sun	29 th	8.30am	Holy Communion BCP
		10.00am	Holy Communion and APCM