



Welcome and notices

Reading: 1 Kings 19: 9-18
Romans 10: 5-15

Gospel: Matthew 14: 22-33

Wed 12th: Ezekiel 9: 1-7,10,18-22
Luke 1: 46-55

Collect: Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Intersessions by Malcolm. We pray for our church, returning to physical worship in our church building. We give thanks for all those who have worked so hard to make this possible, our clergy, churchwardens and all who have supported them. We pray for our world and all those organisations working to support those struggling in the face of Covid-19. We think especially of Advantage Africa and Christian Aid, working with the disadvantaged in our world. We pray for our national leaders in their task of leading us all to safety. We pray for our local community and give thanks for all the medical staff and carers who are doing so much to help others at such a difficult time. We pray for the sick, for those suffering as a result of the coronavirus and for all those in need of our support and prayers as they deal with illness and distress. Almighty Father, let them know the warmth of your unfailing love. Remembering those in our own Church family. We pray for the recently departed, their families and friends. Receive them into your care and comfort all those they have left behind. We remember all those known to us. Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

We pray for the sick. *Toby O'Grady, Kevin, Michael Seabrook, Cyril, Rene Tourle, Pat Major, Helen, Gail, Martin, Keith, Hannah, Rena Partridge, Phill Stocking, Rosemary, Gill P and those who are self-isolating.*

We pray for the souls of the recently departed and their families. *Adrian Escott, Peter Faulkner and David Minney.*

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

Eucharistic Prayer: A

Prayer: Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Funerals. None.

Listening Ear. Please email prayer@olney.church for prayers.



Dear All. Many of us have been appreciative of Andrew P-K and Jo Spray conducting Communion over the last two weeks. So good to hear a sermon from the heart and to see fellow Church members face to face (albeit with masks on inside). Outside and social distanced there has been a chance to chat to old friends again after weeks of absence. This week Janet is conducting an **Everyone Together** service. This will, I am sure, be lively and uplifting. It is likely to be a warm day and perhaps if you have been nervous about a communion service, it's an ideal time to venture back into the church building again. There will be a booking system as usual and great care taken about hand sanitisation, mask wearing and the allocating of seats in bubbles for your safety and ours. So why not come along.

Ricard and Janet's music choices for 9th August: 'Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it' (Epistle) and 'Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you' (Gospel). For **Everyone together** service Janet has chosen 'He's Got the whole world in his hands'; 'I, the Lord of the sea and sky' and "**In Christ alone my hope is found**". Which goes on to say 'He is my light, my strength, my song'. Here are two very different versions one very lively, the second more serene. Your choice. Why not sing at home at the top of your voice
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wNRFumi2ch0>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=16KYvflc2bE>

To book for any service, until further notice please email office@olney.church or call 01234 241721. The office administrator will need your name, the number in your bubble and your contact telephone number for track and trace purposes. Website <http://olney.church/>.

1. Maximum attendance of 47 people/families/bubbles.
2. The 10am services on Sunday 30th August will be also be an 'Everyone together' family service.
3. **There will only be Communion services on Sunday 16th and 23rd August this month.**
4. Online prayers by 'Zoom' will continue on Wednesdays at 9.30 and Saturdays at 10.30.
5. Private Prayer in August will be **Weds 12-3** and **Sun 11-12**. **Link to Oxford Services.** All services you may have missed are on <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/coronavirus-covid-19-2/livestream/video-on-demand/>

Saturday 12 September 10.00am to 6.00pm - Historic Churches Trust – Ride and Stride. With all the extra cycling and walking we have done during these strange times, this must surely be the year to take part and raise much needed funds for our Church and the Trust. Please consider taking part. If you are not a cyclist, then maybe try walking the local churches in Olney and Emberton. Details about sponsorship to follow. For more information, contact the church office on 01234 241721.

Classic FM. I emailed Aled Jones (for inclusion on 26th July) the dedication of his "Choral Classic", on a Sunday morning, to all Churchwardens opening churches for the first time...but with no hymns. Albeit a week later, when I heard my name and he read my request, I was thrilled.

Treasure Hunt for the young people. Look out for more news soon of a Family Trail challenge produced by Scripture Union from 17th August to 1st September.

The gospel according to Mica. The story of Gospel Music in Six Songs beginning with "Amazing Grace", our church, our choir and David P can still be found on BBC iPlayer BBC4 *God Bless. Susan Bailey, Churchwarden*