



Welcome and notices

Reading: *Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8*

Gospel: *Matthew 15: 21-28*

Wed 19th: *Ezekiel 34: 1-11*
Matthew 20: 1-6

Collect: Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer of St Patrick from Sunday's service with Janet and Roger.... I arise today; Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity; Through the belief in the Threeness; Through the confession of the oneness; Of the Creator of Creation; I arise today; Through the strength of Christ's birth with his baptism; Through the strength of his crucifixion with his burial; Through the strength of his resurrection with his ascension; Through the strength of his descent for the Judgment Day; I arise today; Through the strength of heaven: Light of sun; Radiance of moon; Splendour of fire; Speed of lightning; Swiftmess of wind; Depth of sea; Stability of earth; Firmness of rock. I arise today. Through God's strength to pilot me: God's might to uphold me; God's wisdom to guide me; God's eye to look before me; God's ear to hear me; God's word to speak for me; God's hand to guard me; God's way to lie before me; God's shield to protect me; God's host to save me Christ with me; Christ before me; Christ behind me; Christ in me; Christ beneath me; Christ above me; Christ on my right; Christ on my left; Christ when I lie down; Christ when I sit down; Christ when I arise; Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me; Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me; Christ in every eye that sees me; Christ in every ear that hears me. I arise today; Through a mighty strength; the invocation of the Trinity; Through belief in the threeness; Through confession of the oneness; Of the Creator of Creation. **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, Beryl, and Eliza who has a major operation on 13th August.*

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

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

Eucharistic Prayer: A

Prayer: God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

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Funerals. None.

Dear All. It is with sadness that Brian Lintern has stood down from the PCC and the Fabric Committee. His advice, knowledge and practical skills, have been invaluable over the years I have been back in Olney and for many, many years before that. Talking to Brian and Rachel this week I have found out some of the activities he has been involved with in his time at church both in his present capacity and as warden. They include.... *Complete dismantling and rebuild of the organ. Major clear out of inner vestry and organ loft, including removal of cupboard riddled with worm, large chests of drawers and other clutter. Design and installation of fitted worktop, drawers plus separate storage for wine dispensing and creation of 'wet' area. Installation of permanent access to organ loft. Relocation of board with keys on, to reduce interaction/disturbance of those working on records. Installation of sealed expansion joints on leaking heating pipes around church. Automation of floodlights and path lighting. Installation of CCTV and recording. Reconstruction of gate pillars and associated resolution of MKC liability for gates and boundary walls as well as churchyard. Installation of path lighting. Resurfacing of paths around church and replacement of North doors.* Fortunately, Brian tells me he will always be on hand should we need his advice. This is a relief and a blessing to us as all, as he has a long memory, a very practical mind and can offer some very sound guidance. Thank you, Brian, for your many years of service to our church.

Hymns from Richard 'And can it be that I should gain...?' (Epistle) and 'In Christ there is no east or west' (Gospel)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TpITJOShix0>

To book for any service, until further notice please email office@olney.church or call 01234 241721 with your name, the number in your bubble (we can accommodate 47 bubbles) and your number for track and trace purposes.

1. The 10am service on Sunday 30th August will be an 'Everyone together' family service.
2. **There will only be Communion services on Sunday 16th and 23rd August this month.**
3. Online prayers by 'Zoom' will continue on Wednesdays at 9.30 and Saturdays at 10.30.
4. Private Prayer in August will be **Weds 12-3** and **Sun 11-12.**

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. Gill Parker is coordinating this for us. For more information, contact the church office on 01234 241721.

Treasure Hunt for the young people - Family Trail. As we move slowly out of lockdown, the churches of Olney are participating in a Family Trail challenge produced by Scripture Union from 17 August – 1 September. In your own time you are invited to be an adventurer and find the four clues which are located at the four churches in the town (Catholic, Baptist, URC, and Anglican) that will lead to (virtual!) treasure which we all need in these challenging times. All you need is a smart phone to scan the QR codes on the clues.

God Bless. Susan Bailey, Churchwarden