



Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Olney

Sunday 23rd August 2020

Today – 11th Sunday after Trinity



Welcome and notices

Reading: *Isaiah 51: 1-6*

Gospel: *Matthew 16: 13-20*

Wed 26th: *2 Thessalonians 3: 6-10, 16-end*

Matthew 23: 27-32

Collect: God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Intersessions from Malcolm We pray for our church as we continue to reopen and welcome back our congregation.

We give thanks for the work of our clergy, Andrew, Thelma, Janet and Jo and all those who have done so much to keep the church running through lockdown - David, Susan, Lisa, Pat and Haydn.

We pray for our world as we struggle through this pandemic. We give thanks for those leaders who have responded to the challenge and pray for those who have struggled to find a way to keep their nations safe.

We pray for the people of Lebanon, suffering the breakdown of their society following the blast in Beirut.

We pray for our local community and for our young people facing uncertainty following the difficulties with our examination system. We pray that all our young people receive the opportunities they deserve.

We pray for the sick, those suffering as a result of COVID-19 and those whose other health needs have not been met during the pandemic. Pour down your healing grace on all those known to us and unknown. We remember those who have departed this life and those who mourn.

May they find peace and comfort in your heavenly care. **Amen**

We pray for the sick. *Toby O'Grady, Kevin, Michael, Keith, Seabrook, Cyril, Rene Tourle, Pat Major, Helen, Gail, Martin, Hannah, Rena Partridge, Phill Stocking, Rosemary, Beryl, and Eliza who had a major operation on 13th August.*

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

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

Eucharistic Prayer: A

Prayer: Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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

Some material included is

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Funerals: None

News from the Herons. *Susan:* I thought that people would be interested to know that my brother, James Reveley, was installed as Canon Residentiary of Ely at the Cathedral on Saturday. Twenty of us were allowed to be there, socially distanced. My niece Miriam, who some of you will know as she comes to help with Holiday Bible Club each year, played the organ for the service. If you would like to see it the service is available on the Ely Cathedral website. There is five minutes of quiet time at the beginning of the broadcast which I would recommend skipping!

Jonathan: As you may (or may not) know I am a Lay Clerk at Birmingham Cathedral while I'm studying Music Technology at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire. At the beginning of lock-down I assumed I wouldn't be doing any singing with the cathedral until Covid had passed by; a source of great sadness to me. However, in July discussions began with the ideas of broadcasted services with pre-recorded music. Obviously, at this time, we couldn't get in one place to record or even rehearse! The solution was that each singer record their line of the anthem to the same piano backing track and I would use my music technology skills to edit them together. Even with this as a baseline, the editing and mixing proved challenging as a slight movement or leaning back and forward while singing significantly affected the resulting recording! We learnt that some rooms proved better for these recordings than others with bedrooms (with the clocks removed) performing best and the tiled kitchens being by far the worst! The end results are being played each week at Birmingham Cathedral through the sound system during their services but are also available on YouTube (for an example see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eSC-uocna9g>).

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

Scripture Union Treasure Hunt. As we move slowly out of lockdown, the churches of Olney are participating in a Family Trail challenge produced by Scripture Union from 17 Aug – 1 Sep. 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.

Hymns from Richard. This week we have:

'Take my life, and let it be...' (Epistle) -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQ93HVuYd5Y>

'Lift high the Cross' (Gospel) -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C59j6p6iOZ4>