



Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Olney

Sunday 8th November 2020

**Remembrance Sunday
(Church Closed)**



Welcome and notices

Reading: Amos 5: 18-24
1 Thessalonians 4: 13-end

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Wed 11th: Titus 3: 1-7
Luke 17: 11-19

Collect: God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Intercessions: Our hearts go out to all affected by Covid-19, those who are grieving and ill, those whose lives are impoverished by the closure of workplaces and places of worship. This Sunday and Wednesday the 11th (Armistice Day) we remember those who gave their lives for the peace that we all benefit from and we remember all those who still bear the scars of conflict.

Eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all those we remember this day; fulfil in them the purpose of Your love; and bring us all, with them, to Your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. O God of truth and justice, we hold before You all those men and women who have died in active service. As we honour their courage and cherish their memory, may we put our faith in Your future; for You are the source of life and hope, now and for ever.

Lord God, Father of all, enable us to serve you and Olney and to bring relief to all who are in need, to comfort the sad, the lonely, and the distressed; Keep us ever mindful of the struggles and achievements of former generations, and of those who have blessed our town where we have our home. Almighty God, strengthen our hearts, hands and minds to work together for peace; to see You in one another; and to seek Your kingdom above all things; that Your will may be seen to be done and Your kingdom come, through Jesus Christ, the Lord of lords and King of kings.

Almighty God, we ask You to grant to the living grace, the departed rest, the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth and all the world peace and concord; and may Your blessing be among us and remain with us always. Amen.

We pray blessing and healing for those who are sick: *Toby O'Grady, Kevin, Keith, Cyril, Rene Tourle, Pat Major, Gail, Martin, Hannah, Rena Partridge, Phill Stocking, Eliza, Bar, Georgina, Michael Seabrook, Debbie and Coralie.*

We remember the recently departed and pray for comfort for their families and friends. Helen Dilley

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

Eucharistic Prayer:

Prayer: God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

Some material included is

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What resources are there at <http://olney.church>? See this week's supplementary page, which gives examples. You can also find Zoom services and other links there too.

Comfort and Joy - A course for Advent. I will be running an Advent Course this year. I may be able to Zoom it, but we can always follow along at home. The course is one from the C of E and is based around 9 carols. It is designed for use after Christmas, but I am adapting it as four weekly sessions. I can make some of the material available in the weekly sheet, and a small booklet from the C of E - which is very helpful, on which my thoughts are based, can be sent to you by phoning or emailing the office. It can all be followed at home and we might even share thoughts on the phone afterwards. This has been approved by Andrew and the standing committee of the PCC. It could be done entirely in your own time, or you could set aside the following dates, so for just an hour to make it something we are doing together - if apart. The dates will be Wednesdays 25 Nov, 2, 9 and 16 Dec from 2 to 3pm. Have your own cup of tea and biscuit ready! *Janet Lawrence*

Trauma Teddies A thank you. Good Afternoon Rev {Andrew}, wondered if you could pass my thanks onto your team of knitting volunteers. I wish to express my thanks to your team of very talented knitting volunteers for the kind donation of Trauma Teddies that have been received at Milton Keynes police station. The teddies are extremely valuable both to our specialist domestic abuse officers but also our response officers. They provide a valuable communication aide between officers and children when they are exposed to a traumatic event such as witnessing domestic abuse or serious car collisions. Our officers jobs are made that little bit easier by the presence of these super teds, myself have used the aid of two of these magnificent teddies with two small children who unfortunately had to be removed from their parents. I can personally tell you that both children were helped by this kind gesture in the form of a teddy and it made the whole process a lot easier to go through for them. Again, thank you so much for the ongoing support from your volunteers. Yours Gratefully, *Claire A/SGT Claire Furness 7204# | Communities & Partnerships Sergeant Violence Reduction Unit | Thames Valley Police*

This week's hymns. 8th: 'O God, our help in ages past' and 'Eternal Father, strong to save' (verse 4 is inclusive for all armed forces, not just the navy); This week I have found a moving and for many of us I am sure, emotional video of 'O God, our help in ages past' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZjdmLstpNGE>. It shows the presentation of the British Legion Flags and at approx. 2mins long is a timely reminder of Remembrance Day. Various quiet acknowledgements will take place this Sunday and on 11 November. My granddaughter Amelie will be standing on her doorstep for 2mins silence in her Brownie uniform on Sunday. Others will do so on Wednesday. Wear your poppy with pride, wrap up warmly if you are outside and take time to reflect.

Leprosy Mission. Ruth continues to collect old & used postage stamps. Please label RUTH & post in Church or CH letterboxes.

Co-op award. I am thrilled to let you know that after our successful bid for our Welcome Area, the Co-op has informed me that a total of £3,339.07 has been raised for St Peter and St Paul Church, the balance of which we will receive this month. This is a real bonus and we can start to make plans. I am due to go to a presentation at the Co-op on 20th November, but this may be postponed. *Susan Bailey Churchwarden*

Social Media reminders: Twitter (new!) @olneychurch

Office: office@olney.church Phone **01234 241721**

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/stpeterandstpaulchurcholney/>



Knitty Stitches
 Have a number of items in stock for sale. If you would like to purchase these, then call or email the office to place an order. Leave your **contact details and the type, colour and number of items** you would like to purchase. We will then drop off items on your doorstep and pick up money Thanks Susan and Katie



Where to find information, support and resources online during lockdown. Our Olney Church website has been active for many years. Since lockdown its content has become even more relevant and important. Since March we have improved, enriched and added more content. Below are the web addresses and snapshots of two of the most significant areas. There are also tabs at the top of some pages which can be clicked on. These links (see below) will take you to additional sections and to back copies of other items (e.g. weekly sheet). If you have no computer, but would like a printed copy of a specific section or a few examples of items like "Thought for the Day" or a sermon, then ring the office with your request and we will post to you. Don't forget to leave your name and contact details. **PTO for details**