



Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Olney

Sunday 24th January 2021

3rd Sunday of Epiphany
(Church Closed)



Welcome and notices

Reading: Genesis 14: 17-20

Gospel: John 2: 1-11

Wed 27th: Hebrews 10: 11-18
Mark 4: 1-20

Collect: God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Response: Direct us, Lord: **and we will follow.**

Intercessions: Lord God, despite the restrictions placed upon us and the circumstances in which we are living in these days, we are thankful that we can turn our eyes upon you to praise and worship you the living God, drawing comfort in the knowledge of your gracious and compassionate nature. We are conscious Lord of those who have not been able to meet with others, concerned perhaps not to be in other people's company because of health reasons. We think of them now and we ask you Lord, to bless them, just where they are now, uniting us together through the love of Christ.

Lord God, throughout history you have called people to respond to your challenge to follow you, undaunted by the task to which they were called believing that you would guide and lead them, inspire and enable them to fulfil the work to which they were called. We give thanks for those whose faithful discipleship and friendship has encouraged and guided us. Help us to learn from their example and to respond faithfully and willingly whenever you call. Help us to have faith to follow wherever you lead. **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, Rachel Lintern and Peggy Armitage.*

We remember the recently departed and pray for comfort for their families and friends: *Stewart Briggs and Barbara Trinder.*

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

Post Communion Prayer: Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

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

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Funerals. None

Church closure. We can confirm that at a meeting of the standing committee held on Tuesday evening, it was agreed unanimously that the current church closure will continue. This will be discussed again at the meeting to be held on Tuesday 27th January. *Standing Committee*

A Journey through Lent. I am planning to make available some readings and reflections for Lent. You can have a booklet from Bible Reading Fellowship for £3. This has a short reading and reflection for the days of Lent which you can do at your own time and pace. This is also suitable for group study and so - as in Advent - we will have a Zoom meeting available for those who would like to share this journey in this way. If you are interested in an evening Zoom, let me know, otherwise it will be Wednesday afternoons as before. I am sorry we cannot meet face to face. For some of us it is better than nothing and gives an opportunity to discuss, disagree and make suggestions which we can share. There is more material than for the Advent course, but you can of course choose what you read and think about. If you would like a booklet and/or to take part in the Zoom sessions, please contact Janet Lawrence 01234 240580 (or if you prefer, via the church office) by 3rd February when I shall have to order the booklets. Payment method to be confirmed. *Janet*

New Daylight. "The New Daylight", published by the Bible Reading Fellowship, and is a good way to start the day. If you would like a copy, contact Enid on 07836 240074. She is looking forward to hearing from you.

Reminder: Book Launch and TV series with Kate Nicholas. Kate would be delighted if you, her Church family, could join her for her online book launch on 11th Feb. Watch and sign up at <https://www.katenicholas.co.uk/>.

Hymns for the week: 'The God of Abraham praise' (Old Testament) and 'Hail to the Lord's anointed' for the Gospel and the season. Here is a beautiful version with descants from The Choir of Trinity College, Cambridge. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d71Y6vGQkRQ>.

Prayers and Chalking- "May Christ bless this house". If you would like a visit, send your address details and phone number to office@olney.church. If you don't have access to email call 01234 241721 and leave your details.

Evening Prayer service continues. The link is on the church website: <http://olney.church/zoom>. **Please note change of telephone no. to 0203 051 2874** followed by passcode 427368.

Every Wednesday at 9.30am Zoom Morning Prayer. Telephone: 0203 481 5240 and enter the meeting ID: 825 0404 5581# or follow the link at <http://olney.church/zoom>

Take care. *Susan and Katie*

Social Media reminders:

Twitter (new!) [@olneychurch](https://twitter.com/olneychurch)

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Church office: 01234 241721 email: office@olney.church