



Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Olney

Sunday 28th February 2021

Second Sunday of Lent



Welcome and notices

Reading: Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

Gospel: Mark 8: 31-end

Wed 3rd: Jeremiah 18: 18-20

Matthew 20: 17-28

Collect: Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Response: You speak what is true: **and the truth can set us free.**

Intercessions: God of infinite love, You shower us with limitless gifts in our lives.

In our every thought and action today guide us to the bright and loving light of Your kingdom. Help us to be aware of the many ways you allow us to share in Your life so intimately today. Thank You for the gifts you have placed in our lives. Let us be grateful for every moment of this day.

Lord Jesus, we pray for the unity of the worldwide Church in witness and proclamation of the Gospel. Bless many to 'Come and see' who You are and how You love us all.

Almighty God and Prince of Peace, we pray for the peace and stability of all peoples and for the leaders of the nations. We think of those in Myanmar every nation in the world where there is unrest.

God of love and life, we pray for all in our town who have struggled and those who still struggle because of the Covid virus. We ask for You to bless and restore all whose lives have been so badly affected by the lockdowns.

Father God, we ask You to bless our homes, our relations and friends and all whom we love. **Amen**

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

We remember the recently departed and pray for comfort for their families and friends: *Bishop Keith Arnold, Dora Crawford and Kathleen Shacklady.*

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

Post Communion Prayer: Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

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Funerals. None.

Church re-opening. It was so good to welcome back over 30 of you this week in church. We have been maintaining the building over the winter months and keeping it dry and warm, but it was the people that were missing. We have had to be a little stricter with the exiting of everyone through the south doors, so we are using marshals to give an orderly exit. This was only thwarted a little this week by the hand sanitiser giving up. So please remember the 2m rule at all times. As before Katie will need your name, the number in your bubble and your contact telephone number for Track and Trace purposes, through office@olney.church or call 01234 241721. She is not able confirm your booking, but providing you leave your details, presume you have your place booked. Katie is happy to take details until 12 midday on Saturday, ready to compile her list for the duty warden. However, as duty warden this week, you can send a last-minute request either to say you are now **not able** to come or you would **like to come** to susan.bailey@olney.church, so that we can accommodate everyone. The news that Olney has 0 cases of Covid this week, is as welcome as the warmth of the sun on our faces and the lighter evenings, not to mention the whole raft of us that have had our first injections. I will be writing a little more in next week's reflective double edition, with pictures ☺. Meanwhile we will continue to ask you to wear the mandatory facemasks and keep taking care. *Susan and David*

Come and See. A Zoom chat will take place with Andrew and Fenella to discuss the material issued through Oxford Diocese (<http://oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see>) every Wednesday between 8 and 9pm through to 31st March, via <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89997157215?pwd=Q0tTbDdHbmVUdzFER2hqVE90a3FLd09>.

Sunday Evening Prayer Service. This will continue on Zoom each Sunday at 6pm. Link is at <http://olney.church/zoom> or call 0203 051 2874 followed by passcode 427368.

Children's craft packs. Every 1st and 3rd Sunday the Sunday Club and Fun@4 team are going to deliver craft packs (along with a yummy treat from Susan H!) for children to enjoy. If you would like one, please email the church office.

The Lent Course was well attended on Zoom and prompted some lively and thoughtful discussion. One question to think about using Isaiah 55:1-3a as a guide was "How can we reach out to those who are hungry and thirsty in any sense?" What can you commit to doing this week?

This week's hymns. 'Above the voices of the world around me' (usually sung to the tune of 'Danny Boy', known as the 'Londonderry Air') and 'Praise to the holiest in the height' (Gospel). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1mtGqxsOSEs>. This link is for the Songs of Praise recording from Peterborough Cathedral. Perhaps we can also look forward our choir's trip to Oxford to sing Evensong in Christ Church, which is set for 19th July, national and local restrictions permitting.

Take care. *Susan and Katie*

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