



Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Olney

Sunday 10 am 11th April 2021

Second Sunday of Easter



Welcome and notices

Reading: Acts 4: 32-35

Gospel: John 20: 19-end

Wed 14th Acts 5: 17-26
John 3: 16-21

Collect: Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. **Amen**

Response: My Lord and my God: **my Lord and my God.**

Intercessions:

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118 verse 24)

On this day that the Lord has made, let us pray for the people He has redeemed. That we may live as those who believe and trust in the triumph of the cross.

That those born to new life in the waters of baptism may daily know the love and power of Jesus' resurrection, and God's blessing will rest on all Christians in our town.

That all people may hear and receive the good news of Jesus' victory on the cross. We pray for the people of Olney, Sierra Leone and all the world.

That God's blessing will come upon those who live and work in Olney as children are on holiday, go back to school and shops reopen in the next weeks and months.

That those who suffer pain and anguish of mind may find healing and peace in the wounds of Christ.

That in the undying love of Christ all may be united with those who have gone before us and have died in the faith of Christ.

And let us commend the world, for which Christ rose from the dead, to the mercy and protection of God. **Amen**

We pray blessing and healing for those who are sick: *Toby O'Grady, Kevin, Rene Tourle, Pat Major, Martyn, Eliza, Bar, Georgina, Michael Seabrook, Michael Cole, Rebekah Geary, Kate Nicholas, Rosemary and Jo Lais.*

We remember the recently departed and pray for comfort for their families & friends: *Rena Partridge, Rachel Lintern, Edwin Horlock, Kathleen Ball and Norah Dugdale (URC)*

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

Post Communion Prayer: Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

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

Funerals.

Rachel Lintern's service is on Monday 12th April at 2pm. The service from Crownhill Crematorium Milton Keynes will be broadcast on webcast. You are invited to log in. Instructions attached. Link <https://www.wesleymedia.co.uk/webcast-view> Login/Order ID: 87705 Password: zvxmbsyy

Edwin Horlock. Took place on 8th April at 3pm in church.

APCM Annual Pumpkin Chasing Marathon ...oh OK then the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on the 23rd May following the 10am service. David and I will be putting ourselves forward as wardens again, but would be happy to stand aside for new nominations, please let us know. Despite being in lockdown, we have probably had one of our busiest years. David has been dealing with faculties, AG250, charring Standing Committee (50 plus Zoom meetings and counting), keeping our Parochial Church Council (PCC) informed and trawling through and advising on Covid regulations from the government and the Diocese. Plus setting up the numerous Zoom church services throughout the year.

Meanwhile I have looked after the production and delivery of the weekly/monthly sheet, keeping you all updated, liaising with Katie our hardworking and versatile administrator, the lovely cleaners Hristo and Megi and the nursery. Plus repairs and maintenance at both at the Church and Church Hall and filling any gaps on the way. As we said, we will put ourselves forward again, but we would really appreciate some help. A little help goes a long way and is very encouraging, especially when times are tough and the week doesn't seem long enough. To this end we are looking for people to join the PCC. We have 6 vacancies and would like to fill at least 4. There are 12 elected members in total and people stand for 3 years, so ideally we would like to elect 4 members per year, so that we have a complete turnover every 3 years. The Oxford Diocese says that members of the PCC are "responsible for supporting the local clergy in the running and management of their benefice or parish. Their primary function is stated as 'promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church'." Also, as the church is a registered charity each PCC member becomes a trustee of the charity. We are looking for people who would like to be part of our caring and effective team, able to work with us as we discuss and plan our aims and direction, mission and vision. Support us in the management of our finances and ensure we remain transparent and true to our mission. Are you that special person? Please contact us to discuss further. susan.bailey@olney.church or david.phillipson@olney.church.

Children's activities. Church Mice will meet every Thursday from 15/04/2021 at 10am or 11am. Please book a place

This week's hymns. 'Love's redeeming work is done' and 'Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord'. Listen to these young people's version <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2U1MuOCHon4>

The Cherry Fair, planned for 26th June, has now been cancelled.

Holy Communion in church continues at 10am 11th Apr- 2nd May, please continue to book. Take care. *Susan and Katie*

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