



Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Olney

Sunday 10am 20th June 2021

Second Sunday after Trinity



Welcome and notices

Reading: Job 38: 1-11

Gospel: Mark 4: 35-41

Wed 23rd: Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18
Psalm 105: 1-9
Matthew 7: 15-20

Collect: God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Response: Calm our fears: **and teach us your peace.**

Intercessions: Heavenly God, we pray for the life and mission of Your church throughout the world. We pray especially for the Church in Olney. We pray for all who preach, lead, preside, care for the building and care for our congregation. As your Church, may we be obedient to your call to share the good news with the poor, the refugees, the exploited, the alienated, the dispossessed, and prisoners of conscience.

King of kings, we pray for all who accept responsibility for leadership and decision-making in the affairs of the world and our country. May those who represent us in government be women and men of integrity, who keep their promises and lead us in the ways of justice and compassion.

Prince of peace, we pray that all those involved in talks for peace throughout the world, may promote the welfare and peace for all mankind. Help all to see that peace is a fruit of righteousness, and that righteousness is truly found in You.

Good Shepherd, thank You for the good things we have and are able to share with our friends and families: for love and friendship, for food and shelter, for happiness and laughter. Thank You for all the good things that You give to us.

Good Father, we remember and pray especially today for fathers. We thank You for every good father and pray for those who have found fatherhood difficult. Bless each one of them, and bless each one of us to care for others in our turn. **Amen**

We pray blessing and healing for those who are sick: *Toby O'Grady, Kevin, Pat Major, Bar, Georgina, Michael Seabrook, Michael Cole, Rebekah Geary, Kate Nicholas, Jo Lais, Louise Ramos, Ann Murtagh, Peter Tull, Rob Spray and Debbie Bowman.*

We remember the recently departed and pray for comfort for their families & friends:

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

Post Communion Prayer: O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

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

Funerals. None

Weddings. None

Discipleship - The Journey of Faith. The housegroups have been following this publication by Nick Fawcett. Each week we consider pieces from the book, bible readings and have a quiz, prayers and some lively discussion. With Christianity being a continual journey, this week we looked at a journey of discovery which also prompted the introduction of two hymns "We limit not the truth of God" and "One more step" a more lively children's tune, which you can find here.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7PXV3dwaenu>. It also lead to us considering "The Peace". So this week Janet explains the **Sharing of the peace**. Common worship says - All may exchange the peace. No one has to. Jesus spoke several times about peace, reconciliation and forgiveness, from God, and towards each other.

The early church continued the Jewish custom of the Kiss of peace Shalom, before or during worship in a hostile environment it's a good thing to know who is with you on the Christian Way. It became a sharing of the words of Jesus "Peace be with you" and was a sign of belonging to the Body of Christ. It can be seen as showing that we are brothers and sisters on our journey of faith. It does not have to be a lot of hugging and kissing -as we have found recently. That can be kept for after the service when we are allowed! Not everyone is happy to share - newcomers (though it's good if they know they are welcomed), shy people, or those for whom touch is not welcome. We all need to be sensitive to these things. Peace of the Lord be with you!

Housegroups. 'Exploring Faith' housegroups, continue on 7th July at 10.30am and 8-9.30 pm on June 23rd.

Electoral Roll Officer. Sally Gallimore our current officer is leaving the area shortly and has therefore tendered her resignation from this role. We are sad to lose Sally but wish her well in her new home and location. The electoral roll officer has charge of the electoral roll and is responsible for keeping it up to date on behalf of the PCC. In reality there is little to do during the majority of the year with most of the activity being during the few weeks immediately prior to the APCM. The roll is maintained on a PC spreadsheet so some computer knowledge and experience is necessary but otherwise it is an important but undemanding job. The officer is not a member of the PCC and does not have to attend any meetings. If you would like to volunteer for this position or wish to know any more about what is involved please speak to me at any time.
David

Holy Communion in church continues at 10am please continue to book every week: office@olney.church. Additionally, there is morning prayer and Sunday prayer via the website <http://olney.church/zoom/>

This week's hymns.: 'O worship the King' (Old Testament reading) and 'Eternal Father, strong to save' (Gospel).

A couple of really stirring old favourites. Why not sing at home! Here is the version sang at Prince Phillip's funeral.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=79oJWx3lxIU>

We supply many links and for those without access to computers, we can arrange for you to see these pieces, on our computers, just ask. Take care. *Susan and Katie*

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