



Funerals. None

Weddings. None

Welcome and notices

Reading: Acts 12: 1-11

Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-19

Wed 30th : Genesis 21: 5, 8-20
Psalm 34: 1-12
Matthew 8: 28-end

Collect: Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter & Paul glorified thee in their death as in their life: grant that thy Church, inspired by their teaching & example, and made one by thy Spirit, may ever stand firm on the one foundation which is thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth & reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now & for ever. **Amen**

Response: Lord, we believe, **help our unbelief.**

Intercessions: Lord of all the earth, we pray for your church throughout the world, remembering Christians everywhere whether they are meeting in small groups, in churches or in the great cathedrals. Grant that we and all your people may be built up in our faith and show in our lives the love we see in Jesus. Omniscient God, we give you thanks for our church here in Olney and pray for all who minister and preach to us, (whether we be old or young). May all be enriched in our understanding of You and empowered to respond to Your love. Caring God, we pray that you will give courage to those who find it hard to follow you - to those who are finding it difficult to have faith because of tragedy or personal hardship - to those who are made to suffer because of their faith. King of kings, we pray for Christians who work in places of power and influence; for those who make decisions which affect the lives of so many people. We ask You to bless all who work in politics, in the media, in advertising and in the financial markets. May they all know what to say and how to act for the benefit of all. Good Shepherd, we give You thanks for those people who have dedicated their lives to serving You - we pray for the work of missionaries throughout the world that when their work is difficult and tiring you will make them strong, when they are lonely and missing home remind them that you are always with them and when they are uncertain what to do we pray that you will guide their way. Compassionate God, we pray for those who work with the Olney Newton Link, Advantage Africa, Christian Aid, the Leprosy Mission, The Children's Society and the Church Mission Society. May they all know Your love, Your favour and be blessed in all they do for You and those that they serve. **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 & 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 Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

Ex-Mayor's Charity Run. The "ex mayors" team is competing in next weekend's MK Marathon. Comprising of former Mayor Andrew Geary, Mayors Chaplain Andrew Pritchard Keens, and Charity representatives from the MK Dons SET Mike Sheridan and Thames Valley Air Ambulance. We're having one last push to raise money for these two fantastic charities to round off a year where we've already raised almost £10,000. Please consider supporting us, every little helps! Thanks! The current total stands at £0, so here is the link so that we can all show a little support.... <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-display/showROFundraiserPage?userUrl=MayorofMiltonKeynes&pageUrl=7>

Weddings and funerals. Government guidance has been updated to allow larger numbers to attend wedding and funerals within the church. We are now able to accept as many guests and mourners as we can safely accommodate under the usual Covid rules (social distancing, only household bubbles sitting together, no mingling).

Holiday Bible Club. We very much hope that this year's Holiday Bible Club can go ahead in person this year. However, of course we will be following all covid restrictions that may be in place. We are therefore opening bookings now. Our team meetings will be Thursdays, 1st and 29th July, at 8.00 pm in Sutcliff Baptist Church, outside in the garden weather permitting. We do have great needs for more team members, so if there is anyone who could offer to help in the kitchen, on the doors, paint us a large wall painting or help with the children's groups (including the creche for the leaders' children) we would be hugely grateful. Please contact Susan Heron or Hilary Terry if you can help in any way. Thank you

Church Mice will now run at 10am only. Please book.

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. Who are these like stars appearing?' and 'There is a balm in Gilead' (Patronal Festival). Here is a gentle and beautiful rendition

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8fcMxl_6xsk

Take care. *Susan and Katie*

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