



Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Olney

Sunday 10am 11th July 2021

6th Sunday after Trinity



Welcome and notices

Reading: Amos 7: 7-15

Gospel: Mark 6: 14-29

Wed 14th: Exodus 3: 1-6, 9-12

Psalm 103: 1-7

Matthew 11: 25-27

Collect: Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Response: Holy God, scatter all darkness: **and bathe our world in your light.**

Intercessions: Lord God, creator of land and sea, we pray for people whose work takes them to sea; for those in the different branches of the navy; for those who transport goods by ship; for those who catch fish for their living. Be with them as they work, and keep them safe when the weather is bad and the seas are rough.

God of salvation, we pray for those who give help when people get into difficulties at sea; for the lifeboat service, for air-sea rescue, for coast guards and for lifeguards. We thank You for their courage and ask that You will guard and guide them as they work for others in need.

God of love and freedom, of hope and joy, we pray for those who long to be free, for those wrongly imprisoned because of a fight for justice and those imprisoned because they have a faith that is censored.

God of deliverance and blessing, we pray for those who seek asylum and refuge from their past, those who now live in detention centres, people detained for their own safety and wellbeing and those who long to be free.

God of liberation, we pray for those whose helplessness condemns them to a form of slave labour, for those working unbearably long hours with little or not pay, for the increasing number of people trafficked – human lives bought and sold and for all who seek deliverance. 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, Rob Spray, Debbie Bowman, Joan Stickland and Richard.*

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

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

Post Communion Prayer: God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

Funerals. Bobby Christmas. 14th July. Private event.

Weddings. None.

Fundraising. Don't forget that you can leave your printer ink cartridges in the church for recycling. Beryl Lavender has found a company who will pay us for each one recycled so you can help the environment whilst raising much needed funds for the church. Thanks to Beryl for arranging this for us all.

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. Bookings are already coming in quickly so if you are interested, please book soon to avoid being disappointed as numbers will be reduced this year.

Photos. We're updating the welcome board inside the church board so that we can show visitors the wide variety of activities and worship we offer. If anyone has any photos of any of the church groups, or from past events such as the Cherry Fair and Dickens, we'd love you to share them with us. We can use the original photo or make a copy if you'd rather. Contact us at office@olney.church if you have something to share.

Church Mice will run over the summer holidays and older siblings are welcome! Please contact the office for further details and to book a place.

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. This week we have 'God has spoken, by His prophets' which goes with our Old Testament reading, and a traditional favourite 'Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us'.

Take care. *Susan, David and Katie*

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