



Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Olney

Sunday 10am 18th July 2021

7th Sunday after Trinity



Welcome and notices

Reading: Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Gospel: Mark 6: 30-34, 53-end

Wed 21st: Exodus 16: 1-5, 9-15

Psalm 78: 17-31

Matthew 13: 1-9

Collect: Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Response: The Lord is my shepherd: **there is nothing I shall want.**

Intercessions: Restoring God, we pray for those who are sick and weighed down in body or spirit, for those who are overworked, for those who need a break, for those who are near to the end of their life, for those who are weary and heavy laden; may they know Your presence and Your peace.

God of all wisdom, we pray for those who are lost or perplexed. We pray for all who need guiding and shepherding. We pray for those who teach and guide others, in their work, in their home, in their voluntary service. Grant each one wisdom and peace we pray.

Compassionate and generous God, we pray for all who hunger and thirst, for all the relief organisations that serve them, for the governments of the world, for those who rule in our land; may the hungry be fed, the troubled find peace and may those in power work to provide for the needs of all.

Saviour God, we pray for those who do not know how much You love them and for all who share the gospel. May Your Spirit break down preconceptions, misconceptions and all barriers that rob people of the truth. Open hearts to know Your love and bring peace to the anxious and distressed.

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: Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

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

Funerals. None

Weddings. None.

Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Trust: Ride and Stride.

I am sending this message as Chair of BHCT. As you know, every year our "Ride and Stride" day raises money for the Trust and our charitable objective of supporting the restoration and repair of churches in the historic county of Buckinghamshire, including Milton Keynes. We rely on a network of volunteers to make this happen and coordinate the effort and at the moment, we are short of a deanery organiser for Newport deanery. I hope that you would be willing to pass this message to your lay chair and any other members who might either be interested themselves or who could help to identify a potential organiser. The workload is not onerous and I can put anyone who expresses an interest in touch with members of our current team so that they can hear what is involved. My contact details are david.lidington25@gmail.com and 07921 039873. With good wishes. *David*

Church Mice will run over the summer holidays and older siblings are welcome! Thursdays from 10am. Please contact the office for further details and to book a place.

Changes from 19th July. Boris Johnson provided an update on England's route out of coronavirus lockdown restrictions on 12th July. The prime minister said, "Life cannot go back to normal after restrictions are lifted on 19 July", warning: "This pandemic is not over". The removal of legal restrictions on social and economic life "should not be taken as an invitation for everybody to have a great jubilee of freedom from any kind of caution or restraint."

Next week we expect guidance from both the Church of England and Oxford Diocese, on what the cautious approach, may mean to our own church. On the 21st July we will discuss at Standing Committee this guidance and will provide an update to you all in next week's weekly sheet. Meanwhile keep taking care. *Susan and David*

Update from Susan Bailey. Dear Church Family, I would just like to inform you that due to taking a two-week holiday in Portugal (which was green then went to amber) I have been forced to isolate for 10 days. I have had 3 negative results so far and take my final test tomorrow. If this proves negative I can (according to Track and Trace- who ring every day) be allowed out, but not until the 19th July. This has put pressure on David to fill the void and I am very grateful to him and thank him for doing this. I would also like to thank Sally, Malcolm, Ruth, Derek and Tim for their support and help. I will be back next Sunday. Thanks to all. *Susan*

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. 'All hail the power of Jesu's name' (Old Testament reading) and 'Immortal love, for ever full' (Gospel). This version is from St Paul's.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jKMKzaiB2Yw>

Take care. *Susan, David and Katie*

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