



Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Olney

Sunday 10am 22nd August 2021

Holy Trinity 12



Welcome and notices

Reading: Joshua 24: 1-2a, 14-18

Gospel: John 6: 56-69

Wed 25th: 1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13
Psalm 126
Matthew 23: 27-32

Collect: God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Response: Holy God, we believe: **help our unbelief.**

Intercessions: Heavenly Father, You promised eternal life to all who believe in Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Trusting in that promise and in the power of the Holy Spirit we pray for the church, for the world and for the healing of broken lives. We pray for the church throughout the world as she reaches out to people searching for the words of eternal life. As followers of Jesus may we enter fully into His being, becoming one with Him and the Father who sent Him. We pray that You, Holy Spirit will strengthen us to love and serve our neighbours in Christ.

We pray for peace in the world. We pray that lies and deceit will be replaced by truth and integrity; that doubt and oppression will be overcome by faith and salvation; and that the forces of hatred and cruelty will retreat before the Spirit of love and justice so that God's will may be done on earth as it is in heaven.

We pray for ourselves and for a renewal of our commitment to following Jesus; for courage to continue when His way seems to be more than we can stand and for the grace and strength to speak out to others the words of eternal life which we have heard.

We pray for all who are weakened and distressed by illness of body, mind or spirit. We pray that God's words of spirit and life will be heard in the darkest places of suffering. We pray that all of us will receive in our hearts the healing and wholeness of the eternal life of heaven. **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 and Judith Spray, Debbie Bowman, Richard and Poppy Bailey.*

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: God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

Funerals: None

Weddings: None

Phase 2. The proposals which were agreed by Andrew, our rector, and had the unanimous support of the standing committee and the majority decision of the PCC will start on from 22nd August 2021. They are summarised as: The main altar will be brought back into action.

1. The choir will receive the communion bread at the sanctuary step, in a single column and with outstretched hands.
2. The person presiding will then walk down to the chancel step and distribute the communion bread to the congregation.
3. While distribution to the congregation takes place, the organ/piano can play, but there will be **no singing** by the choir, nor whilst people are moving to or from the altar
4. The existing order of service will be used.
5. There will be three hymns, one at the beginning, one at offertory stage and one at the end of the service.
6. The three hymns will be printed out each week for circulation to the congregation, they will be as short as possible with verses omitted where the chosen hymn is overly long.
7. The choir will not process at the start or end of the service.
8. As with Phase 1, the wearing of face masks is recommended. when entering and leaving church and whilst moving around to receive communion, etc. If anyone wishes to remove their mask whilst sitting, this should only happen after considering the safety of the people around them. This recommendation still applies to both members of the choir and members of the congregation during singing.
9. There will be **no reintroduction of refreshments** at this time.
10. The maintenance of a register of attendance will continue as will the use of hand sanitiser and exiting by the South doors.

We will, providing weather is kind, keep all doors open. Please sit where you feel most comfortable. Thank you. *Susan & David.*

Church Mice. The last Summer Fun on Thursday mornings, 10 to 11am in the Church Hall is on Thursday 26th August Then Church Mice will meet in church again.

Ride and Stride 11th Sept. We will be setting up a dedicated JustGiving page soon. Alasdair, Alexander, Andrew Pritchard-Keens and Susan B (between the Spring Clean) have volunteered to ride so far.

Spring Clean 10-11 Sept. Thank you to all the lovely ladies who have come forward so far. I reckon the average age of the team so far is about 75. What a credit you are to our church. We need a few younger people to go up on ladders to brush down windows and sills please. Just an hour or two will make all the difference. Let me know if that's you 😊 Thanks, *Susan Bailey*

This week's hymns. Opening – 617 *Stand up! stand up for Jesus* verses 1 and 4 only. Anthem before Gospel - *Above the voices of the world.* Offertory - 359 *Jesus Call us; o'er the tumult*, all verses. Final hymn after the Blessing – 143 - *Fight the good fight.*

Why can't the bells be rung? The reason is the total lack of ventilation in the ringing room and in the staircase, so the only ringing, that can be accommodated at this time, is the tolling of a single bell to announce the 10am Sunday Service. Recently, a team of members from the Society of Roving Ringers visited but kept within their own bubble. As soon as possible it is hoped that regular ringing will be resumed. *Judy Gay*

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