



Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Olney

Sunday 10am 12th September 2021

**Holy Trinity 15 Communion Service
followed by baptism**



Welcome and notices

Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Gospel: Mark 8: 27-end

Wed 15th: 1 Timothy 3: 14-end

Psalm 111: 1-5

Luke 7: 31-35

Collect: Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Response: In the spirit of obedience: **we ask your guidance.**

Intercessions: In intercessory prayer we stand side by side with our fellow humans, in the presence of God, and support each other with our prayers. We are asking for God's help in life's circumstances and difficulties. There are so many things we can and need to ask for God's help with. We pray for our families and friends.....

Gracious God, we pray for those who struggle against You in thought word and deed. We pray for those who put their trust and faith in false gods,

and for those who know there is something missing in their lives but deny that it is You.....

Good Shepherd, draw near to all and grant them the peace of Your presence, the healing of Your touch, Your guidance and Your assurance of Your love so that all who are weak and weary may walk in hope and faith.

Prince of peace, we pray for our broken world and for peace for the nations. We pray for the people of every land and especially for refugees and those longing to be reunited with their families. We pray earnestly for the people of Afghanistan; for safety for men and women of all faiths and none.

Restoring God, we pray for our world that is broken and in pain. For those who are in sorrow and need. For the hungry, poor, and lonely. For the sick and bereaved. Be their rock and constant companion through difficult and dark days. 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, 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: **Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

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

Funerals. None

Baptism. 12th September. Jacob Geoffrey Clarke, a member of our Church Mice family.

Church Mice. Church Mice are meeting in church from 2nd September, 10-11 am.

Ride and Stride 11th Sept. Alasdair and Susan rode last year and this year they are joined by Alexander, who is only 8, but keen to get involved. Alasdair is doing a whopping 40 miles starting at Weston Underwood. Susan is doing Sherington, Emberton (where she will meet the boys) and Olney churches. Each of us is cycling to our best ability and hope to raise enough money to make our children's area safe and comfortable. **Last year** between us, and with Gift Aid, we were delighted to reach over £1300, 50% for ourselves and 50% for Historic Churches Trust. **This year we are only at £67.** Please help us to improve that total. For platform fee on Just Giving, choose Other, put in a 50p or even £0. Here is link

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/susan-bailey16>
Alternatively, a donation can be brought to church in an envelope marked Ride & Stride. Thank you for your support

Spring Clean 10th -11th Sept. I am writing this before we start. If the enthusiasm of my wonderful volunteers, is anything to go by, it will be a good couple of days. They are all exceptional people and, like me, mostly pensioners. Thank you, team, for your support. Pictures in a couple of weeks ☺ Also a special mention to Susan & Andrew Heron who have cleaned down all the books and bookcases, the children's area and shampooed the carpet at the back of the church. Similarly, to Tony and Peter for treating the South Door and tackling the weeds at church and Church Hall. Unfortunately, OTC are struggling to keep on top of the churchyard, but I have asked them to trim around the spotlights, as the weeds were covering them and we need to see the church in its true splendour.

Changes. This weekend we will be reinstating the pew runners, kneelers and Bibles. We will continue to use the leaflets for Communion. Also, the changes to create the John Newton area are beginning to take shape. What you see this Sunday is not the finished article, work continues.

Visitation. On Monday 13 September: 7.30pm at Christ the Cornerstone, Milton Keynes we will be sworn in as churchwardens for a further year. Thank you for your help and support over 2020/21. *David Phillipson and Susan Bailey*

Leprosy Mission Coffee Morning. On Tuesday 14th September Ruth Plackett is holding a coffee morning on behalf of the Leprosy Mission. Please drop in between 10am and 1pm. If the weather is nice, it'll be outside in Ruth's lovely garden, otherwise it'll be inside. See Ruth at church if you need any more details. Thank you.

This week's hymns. Opening -935 'Take up thy cross' (Gospel), Offertory -563 'Praise to the holiest in the height' and Final -77 'Christ triumphant, ever reigning' (both for Isaiah 50, 4-9);

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