



Welcome and notices

Reading: Jeremiah 11: 18-20

Gospel: Mark 9: 30-37

Wed 22nd: Ezra 9: 5-9
 Psalm 103: 1-6
 Luke 9: 1-6

Collect: Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Response: Yours Lord is the kingdom: **yours the power and yours the glory.**

Intercessions: Heavenly Father hear our prayers and listen to the words of our mouths as we lay before your throne our hopes and fears, our joys and concerns and all the things for which we give thanks.....

We pray for the Church throughout the world, that we may go forward in unity and strength. Help us to respect the traditions of others even if we do not share them, to celebrate what we have in common and to accept our differences. Bless the leaders and Churches in Olney we pray....

Creator God, bless the Queen and those who rule over us. Drive away despair from politics, revive in our land dreams of justice and truth and restore our passion for what is good and right. Establish your just and gentle rule throughout the world especially where there is conflict; where peace seems so far away and so many have lost everything, even the faint hope of a peaceful future.....

Loving God, we pray for all those who are afflicted by physical, emotional or mental illness. Help them to keep their eyes fixed on you, and give them the courage to face the trials and temptations that may come. Especially we pray for.....

Loving Father, we pray for those who have died alone, unnoticed and unloved. We pray for those who have committed suicide or died in accidents of their own making. We commend all the departed to your merciful love and pray for those who grieve Amen

We pray blessing and healing for those who are sick: *Toby O'Grady, Kevin, Pat Major, Bar, Georgina, Michael Seabrook, 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: *Michael Cole*

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

Post Communion Prayer: Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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

Funerals. None.

Wedding 25 September. Charlie Belcher and Charlie Scowen **Church Mice** have been very active over the summer and into the Autumn season. They have supplied us with picture of their activities to share.

Rode and Strode 11th Sept. It was a fine day for Ride and Stride, Alasdair managed his marathon 40 miles, Susan did six churches, and 8-year-old Alexander did a round trip to Emberton and around the town. It was fun for all.

Meanwhile Liz, Ron and Gill P manned the door. **Our Just giving page is currently at £383** from our 15 supporters. As this goes out to 155 families, we are hoping for a few more supporters on our page or a donation in an envelope to church marked Ride and Stride, so that we reach our £500 total. Thank you to all our generous givers so far <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/susan-bailey16>

Spring Clean 10th -11th Sept. My goodness, what a great bunch of helpers we had last weekend! They worked tirelessly to ensure that our church was back to normal and looking and smelling as fresh as a daisy. We also managed to work at the Church Hall too. I have saved some jobs for those who offered help when they were back from holiday, so soon, no corner will have been left unturned. Whilst the bats are so active, we have decided to put a waterproof cover over our altars and children's area. The money we raise from Ride and Stride will go to sealing the mortar at roof level to encourage the bats to roost elsewhere. Also, after some searching we found the second spotlight and you can now see our spire lit up again, in its usual splendour.

Changes. Next week there will be further news on services **Visitation.** On Monday 13 September at 7.30pm at Christ the Cornerstone, Milton Keynes David Phillipson and Susan Bailey were sworn at a very meaningful and poignant service. We sang some lovely hymns (in masks) and shared a wave and a chat, at a distance, with other churchwardens from the deanery

Back to church Sunday 25th September. In his address the Archdeacon Guy Elsmore encouraged us to invite members of our congregation back to church. We will celebrate Back to Church Sunday next week and hope you will join us.

Leprosy Mission Coffee Morning. On Tuesday 14th September at Ruth Plackett's coffee morning so far, £105 was raised on behalf of the Leprosy Mission. She thanks everyone for coming along. We were not able to sit in the garden, but did admire the beautiful flowers, especially the Michaelmas daises. Thank you, Ruth, for organising this event and making such a delicious apple cake for us to share.

Next week we will have a colour supplement of all the exciting events mentioned in this edition.

This week's hymns. 327 'Immortal, invisible', 465 'Meekness and majesty' (both for the Gospel reading) and 192 'God of grace and God of glory' (Epistle)

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