



Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Olney

**Sunday 10am 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**Holy Trinity 17/Back to Church Sunday**



**Welcome and notices**

**Reading:** Esther 7: 1-6,9,10; 9:20-22

**Gospel:** Matthew 11: 28-30

**Wed 29<sup>th</sup>:** Revelation 12: 7-12  
Psalm 103: 19-end  
John 1: 47-end

**Collect:** Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Response:** Your law, O Lord, is perfect: **it revives the soul.**

**Intercessions:** Knowing that we are all welcomed into God's presence, humbly we pray:

We pray with thanksgiving for the natural wonders of God's creation, Emberton Park, the river, our sports grounds and all the surrounding countryside.

We pray for peace in the world especially in Afghanistan. We pray for a time when the weapons of war will be replaced by Your ways of peace, love, care and protection. We pray that all men and women of every age will be equally valued by every nation on earth.

We pray for those in authority. The Queen, Parliament, our local elected leaders. Give them wise minds and compassionate hearts. Strengthen in the ability to protect the vulnerable and care for those in need.

We pray for the church and its ministry. Bless the newly baptized (especially we think of Jacob) and the newly married (we think especially of David and Dawn, and Charlie and Charlie). Encourage all of us in our journeys of faith. Sustain us in our lives of prayer, service, and worship.

We pray for those who lead and speak in our Church, our musicians and choir and all who serve in often unseen ways. Bless them all and all of us as we are blessed by them.

We pray for all medical professionals and also for those who are struggling with cancer, dementia, or any other disease. Provide all with Your peace and resilience for the days ahead. **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, Sheila Woolston and Amanda James*

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

**Post Communion Prayer:** Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Listening Ear.** Please email [prayer@olney.church](mailto:prayer@olney.church) for Prayer

**Funerals:** None.

**Wedding 25<sup>th</sup> September** - Charlie Belcher and Charlie Scowen  
**Back to Church Sunday.** Why not call a friend or someone you haven't seen in church lately and invite them or better still, bring them, to church this week, for Back to Church Sunday? For those who are still a little hesitant, it may be good to know that we are still using hand sanitiser, wearing masks when moving around and many when singing too, taking a communion bread only from the Priest and consuming back in our pew, spacing ourselves out and keeping the doors open. Looking forward to seeing you.

**Church Mice** Thank you for the pictures, Rebecca, of the busy church mice & their helpers. This leads neatly on to Baptisms on 10<sup>th</sup> Oct for two of our Church Mice...

**Dear Church family,** Exciting news Charlotte Pritchard-Keens & Charlie Rushton are getting Baptised on Sunday 10th October and we would like to invite you. Please join us for a wonderful celebration of our youngest members of the church family starting their journey of faith. We look forward to seeing you there. *Rev Andrew, Fenella, Rebecca & Steve.*

**Last Call for donations for Ride and Stride 11<sup>th</sup> Sept.** As we slowly edged towards target our £500, we were delighted and overwhelmed to receive one very generous, but anonymous donation of £250, which pushed us over our target. You know who you are 😊 So a big thank you to you, and all of the other kind people who have supported and helped us to raise money for this worthwhile cause, our church buildings need constant upkeep and the money we receive will be put to good use. Thank you Liz K, Gill and Rod P, for manning the door and welcoming visitors. Still time to give, via envelope or link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/susan-bailey16>

**Spring Clean 10<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> Sept.** Here are a few pictures of our Spring-Cleaning Crew. Some missed the photo opportunity, but a huge thank you, for all your hard work goes to Jeff, Rod, Malcolm, Brian, Ann M, Madeline, Ruth P, Enid, Susan B, Susan H, Andrew H, Beryl, Wendy, Gill P, Katie (Finn 😊), Judith, Janet, Noriko, Laraine, Ruth M, Malcolm and Sally

**Leprosy Mission Coffee Morning.** Our final picture shows some of us relaxing with drinks and delicious refreshments at the home of Ruth Plackett. Ruth tells us "I shall be sending £200 to the Leprosy Mission from the coffee morning. They will be thrilled. Thank you to ALL who gave."

**Changes.** On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October, we will reintroduce the Wednesday morning service at 9.30am. We know many of you have been waiting for this. We hope to be able to serve refreshments too. Not only that, but we will attempt to relay by Zoom, to those who can't attend in person.

'**Exploring Faith**' house groups continue this autumn, giving us a chance to meet in discussion, prayer, bible study and fellowship. Would you like to be part of this? We'll be meeting on Wednesday mornings from 10.30am – 12.15pm in the Church on 13 October, 27 October and 10 November. The theme we will be exploring during these sessions is God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Please use office email below to register your interest. *Janet, Ruth M & Derek*

**This week's hymns.** 440 'Lord of all power' (Gospel), 132 'Father, hear the prayer we offer' (Epistle) and 746 'What a friend we have in Jesus' OR 683 'There's a wideness in God's mercy' (Gospel)

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