

Funerals: 5th Oct Interment of Ashes - Kathleen Ball

6th Oct Funeral - Michael Cole 12.30pm

8th Oct Memorial for life of George Woodhouse

11th Oct Funeral - Amanda James 11.30am

Baptism invitation: 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.

Changes. On Wednesday 6th 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*

Fireworks 7th November. I have accepted an invitation from the Olney Group, for the church to provide the mulled wine for this event. So far Rod said he would make the mulled wine and myself, Susan and Andrew Heron will man it. Pat will help with license. However, we still need a few more volunteers and of course volunteer do get a great view of the fireworks FOC. The important aspect is transporting the two tents, the tables and urns, down to the field, late afternoon. Also, I wonder if anyone would like to make mince pies? Please contact me directly on susan.bailey@olney.church

Ride and Stride. Thank you to all for your generous donations, next week I can let you know the final totals and for other donations we have received.

David and Dawn's wedding. This week we are including three lovely pictures of this wonderful event. What a handsome couple they made and thank you David & Dawn, for providing such tasty refreshments and champagne.

Our weddings during the last few months have been joyful, poignant and in many cases long awaited, after numerous delays. We have been so pleased to be a part of these happy occasions and to see our church full of cheerful guests.

Part-time Vergers. Regular readers will have noticed, just how many weddings and funerals we have attended, this year. The team at the moment, are Sally and Malcolm Jones, Susan Bailey and Ann Minney. However, as these occasions become ever larger, we could do with a few more people to help manage these events smoothly. If you are happy to do so, please could you let Susan B or office know Thank you

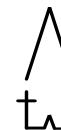
This week's hymns. 64 - Break Thou the Bread of Life; 699 Thou whose almighty word; 428 – Lord for the years.

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Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Olney

Sunday 10am 3rd October 2021

Holy Trinity 18/Bible Sunday



Welcome and notices

Reading: Isaiah 55: 1-11

Gospel: John 5: 36b-end

Wed 6th: 2 Timothy 3: 12-end

Psalm 86: 1-9

Luke 11: 1-4

Collect: God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Response: Lord of heaven: **let your will be done.**

Intercessions: O Lord, we recognise your presence among us, and in this time of prayer we praise You and we bring our needs to you.

We give You our thanks and praise for the world we live in, and for the wonders of creation. We thank You for the physical food that we have and we remember all those who suffer lack of food. We thank You too for the Bible that gives us spiritual food to nourish us. Thank you that the Bible is so readily accessible to us all in our land.

We pray that the Bible will be made available throughout the world so that everyone can read it in their own language. We give thanks for the work of organisations such as Scripture Union, the Bible Society and Wycliffe UK which aim to make the Bible more accessible across the globe, Good News for everyone, and the Bible Reading Fellowship which encourages many to read the Bible regularly.

We ask for understanding of your teachings through the scriptures so that we may be equipped to do your work and we pray for our Bishops, Archdeacon, all clergy and all who preach to us from the Bible.

We pray for peace and unity between all those of different faiths throughout the world, and we pray for lands where freedom and faith are suppressed.....

We pray for the sick in the parish and others known to each of us. Be present to them through the support of families and friends and in the care of doctors and nurses, and fill them with the warmth of your love now and always. **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 and John W.*

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: We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen**

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

Rectors Letter

Dear Family,

I start this letter with a huge thank you to Susan, Alasdair and Alexander for taking part in the 'Ride and Stride' and all the volunteers who did such a wonderful job 'spring cleaning' the church. Because of your efforts the Buckinghamshire Churches are helped to look good and are preserved for us and for the generations to come.

This month we give thanks for the Bible on the 3rd October, we have 3 baptisms on the 10th, Harvest Sunday is on the 17th, we celebrate All Saints on the 31st in the morning and commemorate All Souls on the same day but in the evening.

It has been heartening to see people feeling able to come back to church, to have the choir at the front leading us and for us all to be able to sing again in Church. This month we are starting our Wednesday Holy Communion 'live' in the Church but with a zoom provision / option so that some are able to take part in the service at home by computer. Very soon we hope to also be serving refreshments once more after services but we have some details to work out first.

Let me end with some more 'thank yous'; to the Standing Committee who do so much for us all, the PCC who bring their wisdom and give insight to decision making, all who help with services, funerals, weddings and baptisms, those who help keep the Church clean and everyone for being such a wonderful Church family.

Stay safe and God bless! *Andrew+*

News from the Diocese: A couple of important points

Firstly, the section on Black History month. On the 21st October there is a zoom lecture from Professor Anthony Reddie on 'The Absurd Necessity of Black Lives Matter'. For those of you who have not come across this name before, he is regarded as somewhat of a specialist on John Newton and Amazing Grace. On the 16th July 2022 there is planned an AG250 all-day event in church, which will include amongst many other things, keynote addresses from Professor Reddie, Professor Bruce Hindmarsh and Rev. Jonathan Aitken. Much more information will be made available over coming months about this event and the all-day AG250 symposium which will take place at the Open University on the previous day, the 15th July 2022.

The second item is mention of the Diocesan Synod induction which took place in Oxford last Monday. I am pleased to advise you that I have been re-elected as one of two lay representatives of the Newport Deanery on the 2021-2023 Triennium of the Oxford Diocesan Synod. Unfortunately I could not be present at the induction which is worth attending if only for the Eucharist in Christchurch Cathedral, as I am away on holiday. This is however my third triennium so I do not think that I would have missed too much from an induction to the synod 😊.

David Phillipson

