



Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Olney

Sunday 10am 24th April 2022

Second Sunday of Easter



Welcome and notices

Reading: Acts 5: 27-32

Gospel: John 20: 19-end

Wed 27th: Acts 5: 17-26
John 3: 16-21

Collect: Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. **Amen**

Response: Open our eyes: **to see things your way, Lord.**

Intercessions: Everlasting God, as Jesus appeared in the locked room to show His disciples the beginning of a new world, draw us closer so that we, like Thomas, can examine the wounded hands and feet of Jesus in order to know and understand the depth of His love for us. Let us therefore approach the throne of God in confidence as we pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Gracious God look down with love upon our Church here in Olney as day by day we seek to be a body worthy of Jesus' name; an Easter People.

Creator God, we raise before you our world, especially praying for peace, reconciliation and healing in Ukraine and all places of war, hatred and oppression. We pray that the nations of this world may be united and subject to the rule of the Risen Christ, through whom and for whom all things were created. We pray for Elizabeth, Queen of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions; may her rule be guided and influenced by the example set by Your Son who lives and reigns as King of Kings.

Loving God, your Son remained with His disciples after His resurrection, teaching them to love all their neighbours as themselves. As His disciples in this place we offer our prayers on behalf of Olney where we are privileged to live and our friends and neighbours with whom we interact day by day **Amen**

We pray blessing and healing for those who are sick:

Toby O'Grady, Kevin, Pat Major, Bar, Georgina, Michael Seabrook, Kate Nicholas, Jo Lais, Rob Spray, Debbie Bowman, Richard, Poppy Bailey, John W, Jo Spray and Gordon Williams.

We remember the recently departed and pray for comfort for their families & friends: *Julian Champion, Michael Edwin Evans, Jean Heron and John Brennan.*

We remember and give thanks for those whose Year-smind is now. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer: Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

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

Services in church. Sadly not all our services went as planned. Andrew, Fenella, their children, then Ruth P all went down with Covid in Holy Week. Jo Spray was still in convalescence. They are recovering slowly. So we could only open our Holy Week services on Good Friday with prayers, meditation and hymns led by Malcolm Jones, myself and Thelma, which served a small, appreciative audience. Our Service of Light at 8.30am on Sunday, shared with 15 worshippers, the lighting and moving of the Pascal Candle through the church. Joyously for our main Easter Sunday service almost 80 people (many of them visitors) joined us. It was a beautiful service, with lovely anthems and uplifting Easter Hymns. For the first time we tintured our wafers with wine. Then we were able to sing Happy Birthday to our octogenarian Liz Knight and look at the lovely work and activities of the Sunday Club children, before enjoying refreshments. N.B. This week Janet & Matthew B have gone down with Covid, but are coping well. Take care. *Susan B*

Christian Aid Week just got easier! This year, we are trialling a new scheme for Christian Aid Week (15th - 21st May). We are only asking you to deliver envelopes in your area - no need to collect them, so this is open to under 16s too. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church, or email sallyannjones21@gmail.com, to let us know which streets you are able to cover, in the hope of covering the whole of Olney, with the support of our wonderful Church family!

Tithing for both 2020 and 2021. The forms are at the back of the church and need to be handed in to the Churchwarden, Rector or Office by 30th April please.

Andrew P-K

Quest for a new treasurer. Are you that special person who can take on this role please? Let me know, *Susan B*

The Cherry Fair 26th June 2022. Please contact Susan Heron, or email info@olneycherryfair.org.uk, if you can help.

Church Mice meet again on Thursday 28th April 10-11am.

Sunday Club will meet on 1st May at 10am in Church Hall.

Fun at Four will meet at 4pm in Church Hall on the 24th April

Knitty stitchers will be meeting on 5th May 1.00 - 3.00pm.

Holiday Bible Club (HBC) 8th – 12th August- 2022 - Drama Auditions for this year's HBC drama are taking place on Saturday, 30th April at 10.00 in the Baptist Church. If you would like to take part in the auditions, you need to be aged 10 or over and be available for rehearsals on Thursday evenings from 7.00 pm. Please email Hilary Terry at hgterry@btinternet.com

Amazing Grace 250. Are you available to help on 16th July, or in the run up to the day, if so contact Katie in the office.

Alpha 2022 with the four churches, starts on Wednesday 27th April at 7.30pm in The Swan High Street South. Contact office@olney.church to enrol. Look out for information on the pink postcards in church. *Fenella and the Alpha team*

Electoral Roll please contact Richard Colson, 07724687107 or richardcolson@btinternet.co.uk to enrol.

Hymns Opening: 373 'Jesus lives!'; **Offertory: 380** 'Jesus, stand among us'; **Final: 689** 'Thine be the glory'.

Anthem: 'This joyful Eastertide' arranged by Charles Wood.

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