



Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Olney



**Sunday 10am 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**Welcome and notices**

**Reading:** Acts 9: 1-6

**Gospel:** John 21: 1-19

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup>:** Acts 8: 1b-8

John 6: 35-40

**Collect:** Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

**Response:** Here I am, Lord: **send me!**

**Intercessions:**

Mighty God, Your Son revealed Himself again and again and convinced His disciples of His glorious resurrection. Help us to know His risen presence, so that we can lovingly care for others.

Creator God, we thank You for the example of leadership given to us by Your Son, Jesus Christ; in His life on earth how He showed His followers a new way to fish. We pray for all who are learning to do new things with their lives and that such changes will hasten the day when all of Your world has enough of the basic essentials and comforts of life.

Almighty God, You have called us to follow in the way of Your risen Son, and to care for those who are our companions with words and acts of love. As we seek to be true friends of all, we pray for our families, our friends and our neighbours; we also pray for Alpha that all would know Your love and blessing.

Gracious God, we remember those who are sick, sad or lonely and those who are brave and patient when things are going wrong. We pray that they may be aware of Your comforting presence and know that in Your hands they are safe and loved.

Lord, at the start of this new week, show us, (as You did with Your fishermen friends), the practical steps we need to take so that we can change the ways in which we do things and so be blessed and bless others. **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:** *John Brennan and Gordon Peters*

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

**Post Communion Prayer: Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen**

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

**Funerals.** Gordon Peters 4<sup>th</sup> May 2pm

**Coffee Morning and Plant Sale 10.30 to 12.30 on 10<sup>th</sup> May.**

Berenice and Arnold Mann have invited us to their home, where they have an abundance of vigorous plants, waiting for new homes. They are at Church Lane Lathbury MK16 8JZ. If you need a lift I have spaces [susan.bailey@olney.church](mailto:susan.bailey@olney.church)

**Evening of Musical Entertainment for Ukraine via Red Cross** in Clifton Church on Saturday 21st May at 7.30pm. See Poster.

Email - [chrish.davies@virgin.net](mailto:chrish.davies@virgin.net) to book your tickets

**Dear Friends,** it was a great joy to be with you in church last Sunday, particularly in the Easter season when everything is so joyful. I want to thank you all for your greetings, splendid food deliveries, and most of all for your prayers during the time I have been recovering from surgery. They have all made such a difference. I am aware that it will be a little while before I am operating on all cylinders again – and a series of family events means I may not be in church as often as I would wish during the next few weeks – but you remain in my prayers as I hope I remain in yours. Wishing you all every blessing. *Jo Spray*

**Our calls for help, support and volunteers continues.**

**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 26<sup>th</sup> June 2022.** Please contact Susan Heron, or email [info@olneycherryfair.org.uk](mailto:info@olneycherryfair.org.uk), if you can help.

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

**Christian Aid Week just got easier! 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. Sign up on at the back of church, or email [sallyannjones21@gmail.com](mailto:sallyannjones21@gmail.com), to let us know which streets you can cover, in the hope of covering the whole of Olney by our Church Family.

**You should see the smile on all our faces when someone comes forward.** *Susan B, Susan H, Katie and Sally*

**Final Call - 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. *Andrew P-K*

**Church Mice** meet again on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 10-11am

**Sunday Club is on** 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> May at 10am in Church Hall.

**Fun at Four** will meet at 4pm in Church Hall on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May

**Knitty stitchers** will be meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> May 1.00 - 3.00pm.

**Last Call for budding stars of the stage ...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 10 or over and be available for rehearsals on Thursday evenings from 7.00 pm. Email [hgterry@btinternet.com](mailto:hgterry@btinternet.com)

**Alpha 2022** meets on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in The Swan High Street. Contact [office@olney.church](mailto:office@olney.church) to enrol.

**Electoral Roll.** Please contact Richard Colson, 07724687107 or [richardcolson@btinternet.co.uk](mailto:richardcolson@btinternet.co.uk) to enrol.

**Hymns Opening: 454** 'Majesty, worship His majesty'

**As an Anthem:** There' a wideness in God's mercy'

**Offertory: 396** 'Just as I am without one plea'

**Final: 728** 'We have a gospel to proclaim'

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