



**St Andrew's Whittlesey, St Mary's Whittlesey,  
St Thomas' Pondersbridge and Holy Trinity Coates**  
**Church of England Team Ministry:**  
**[www.wpcteam.org.uk](http://www.wpcteam.org.uk)**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

**Services in our parish churches.**

**Please observe social distancing and follow advice given.**

"I have had the privilege and joy of being Team Rector and Incumbent for the past 17 years. We have been through many of lives different experiences. The joys and sorrows that figure in our daily lives. We have between us maintained worship in each of our parish churches. There maintenance and repair have been sustained. Our churchwardens have served us very well. I thank each of them for their personal support. Thanks to all of you who have served on the PCC. My time here has brought me in contact with our Residential Homes, our schools and College, the Council both town and district. The ministry has touch the wider community by way of Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals and Civic services. I am truly grateful to you all and thank God for His blessing on our time together. I pray for His continued blessing upon you now and in the future."

God bless and farewell. Revd Nigel and Jo.

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Nigel's last Sunday**

10.00am Holy Communion via Zoom. Nigel  
11.00am Team Holy Communion at St Mary's. Nigel

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July**

St Andrew's and Holy Trinity No service.  
No Zoom service  
11.00am St Mary's Morning Praise lead by Churchwadens  
11.00am St Thomas' Holy Communion – Mike

A pattern of services for each church will be decided upon. It is also planned that there will be a 9.30am Zoom service each Sunday (please note change of time.)

Services will be said with no hymns.  
At Communion only the bread will be received and we will stand.  
Bread to be administered by the priest only.

**The Collect for Sunday – Sixth Sunday after Trinity**

Merciful God,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
such good things as pass our understanding:  
pour into our hearts such love toward you  
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,  
may obtain your promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen

**A Daily Prayer for our times**

Father God, as people and nations of the world, help us to realise our dependence upon one another. We pray for healing among the sick, wisdom among our leaders, protection and effectiveness for health workers, and responsible behaviour by each of us as individuals. Most of all, Lord, we pray that you dispel our fears, for you 'did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline' (2 Tim 1:7). For Jesus's sake. Amen

**A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus for daily use.**

**Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy.  
Sustain and support the anxious,  
be with those who care for the sick,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may find comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

**Those who are in residential homes, hospital or hospice & those known personally to us:  
All NHS staff, care workers, emergency services, funeral directors and all key workers.**

**Prayers are requested for Marie Rogers, Deborah Law, Terry Randells,  
Emma Aindow Gregory, Lizzie Monk, Richard Willows, Joan Kefford, Cheryl Tyner,  
Keith Simpson, Judy Stewart**

***The families and friends of those who have recently died:***

**Frederick Deane, Lyn Wood, Doris Cooper**

**Anniversaries: 19<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> July**

**Holy Trinity: 21<sup>st</sup> Ann Louise Winfield, 23<sup>rd</sup> Kathleen Grace Maddiss**

**St Andrew's: 19<sup>th</sup> David Eric Marston, 20<sup>th</sup> Louisa May Barnes, 20<sup>th</sup> Aubrey Ernest Pink,  
25<sup>th</sup> George Hailstone**

**St Thomas': 20<sup>th</sup> Pete Woodward**

**St Mary's: 20<sup>th</sup> Winifred Maisie Garner, Gillian Mary Beall, Ranah Ellen Gale, 21<sup>st</sup> Charles Anker**

**Anniversaries 26<sup>th</sup> July to 2<sup>nd</sup> August**

**St Andrew's: 26<sup>th</sup> George Frederick Butcher, Robert Goodwin, Raymond George Millard,**

**St Thomas': 28<sup>th</sup> Martha Ann Dean, 29<sup>th</sup> Beryl Gray,**

**St Mary's: 26<sup>th</sup> Stanley Malvern Sharman, 27<sup>th</sup> Peter Raymond Jepson, 28<sup>th</sup> Leonard Templeman,  
30<sup>th</sup> Fred Tinkler, Sydney Anthony Sharpe, 31<sup>st</sup> Christine Nottingham**

**Please make use of the daily cycle of readings.**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity – Green**

**First reading Isaiah 44: 6-8. Second reading. Romans 8: 12-25. Gospel Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43**

**Monday – Saturday**

Monday	- Morning Prayer –	Psalms 123 to 126	1 Samuel 5	Luke 20:41 to 21:4
Tuesday	- Morning Prayer -	Psalm 132, 133	1 Samuel 6:1-16	Luke 21: 5-19
Wednesday	Feast of Mary Magdalene - Morning Prayer –	Psalm 30, 32, 150	1 Samuel 16: 14-end	Luke 8:1-3 or John 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday	- Morning Prayer –	Psalm 143, 146	1 Samuel 8	Luke 21: 29-end
Friday	- Morning Prayer –	Psalm 142, 144	1 Samuel 9:1-14	Luke 22:1-13
Saturday	Feast of James the Apostle - Morning Prayer –	Psalm 7, 29, 117	2 Kings 1: 9-15	Luke 9: 46-56

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity – Green**

**First reading 1 Kings 3: 5-12. Second reading Romans 8: 26-39. Gospel Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52.**

To support you with your daily prayer and contact with the wider church please make use of the following websites.

Church of England. <https://www.churchofengland.org/>

Prayer online. <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online>

Diocese of Ely. <https://www.elydiocese.org/>

Ely Cathedral. <https://www.elycathedral.org/worship-at-home>

The diocesan prayer calendar can be found at

<https://www.elydiocese.org/growing-in-faith/prayer-calendar/>

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**REFLECTIONS for 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity. Isaiah 44:6-8. Romans 8:12-25. Matt 13:24-30.36-43.**

I remember an iconic film from the 1950s Ice Cold in Alex where John Mills and his companions after a perilous journey in the shifting sands of the North African Desert in World War 2 make it back to Alexandria. They sit in their hot dishevelled state on stools in front of the bar at the Officers' Mess facing long cold glasses of thirst quenching beer savouring this long awaited pleasure of making it safely to the end of the road hardly daring to pick up their glasses because it is too good to be true! Our readings are about hope and the Kingdom of God, long awaited. Isaiah tells us that God is our God, He is all we need and we need never be afraid. He will not willingly allow us who are made in his image to be marred. Paul tells the Romans that we are Children of God through or belief in Christ and he protects us from harm just as a loving father protects his own children.

In Matthew, we have another agricultural parable, the Parable of the weeds in the Field and it is all about God's own good time, not at all about a vengeful God who will condemn the wrongdoers to Hell and damnation. It is about a loving Father who wants and longs for us to persevere over all evil and to come into his loving arms rather than straying away.

He is a God who waits, longs for us to succeed and prays for us. He guards against any precipitate or rash action and waits with extreme patience. We often say "All in god's good time" don't we? He has a plan for us and we are in his hands. If we should fall amongst the weeds we will not be weeded out immediately as the field workers in the parable wanted, we shall be left to grow amongst the good wheat until Judgement Day so there is always time to turn around and come back to him by changing our ways. Nobody has told us when that final day will be, so if we are betting people we really need to do it earlier rather than later. A little wise warning for us there!

We are urged to imitate the creator's example for the World in our lives, as exemplified through Jesus; injustice and cruelty do not come from God, the evil world is not caused by him, that is humankind's doing. We are given the tools through faith and science to right the wrongs of the world, even the threat of Coronavirus, but more importantly the evil we do. The Parable of the Weeds shows us how important it is, not just to get it right, but to work at being Holy all the time because we shall surely be tempted to stray and at the same time to demonstrate patience and understanding.

Another parable, this time the Prodigal Son, shows us a Father who is all powerful and wise who lets his wayward son go his own way but allows him to find his own way back. The point is that God always leaves the door open wide enough to let the one who has strayed find their way back when there will be much joy and celebration.

We are indeed in unusual and uncertain times and like John Mills in the film we must persevere, be patient and faithful, so that we will arrive safely and appreciate our reward, shining as Matthew says like the Sun in the Kingdom of the Father . As Christians, we have God through Jesus to talk to through prayer, to hold Him in our hearts as He holds us in His, to worship and to feed upon spiritually through Word and Sacrament. And as Isaiah says " we need never be afraid". The message is there to be taken to others by us through hope for the World.

As Nigel leaves us to embark upon the last phase of his Priestly Ministry before a well-earned retirement, we wish him and Jo well and thank both of them for their gift to us in helping us to continue on our journey with Christ.

**JOHN**