



**St Andrew's Whittlesey, St Mary's Whittlesey,
St Thomas' Pondersbridge and Holy Trinity Coates**
Church of England Team Ministry:
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Sunday 26th July 2020

Services in our parish churches.
Please observe social distancing and follow advice given.

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St Andrew's and Holy Trinity No service.

No Zoom service

11.00am St Mary's Morning Praise lead by Churchwardens

11.00am St Thomas' Holy Communion – Rev'd 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.

Last weekend the congregations gave Rev Nigel 4 Clerical Stoles - one in each colour, ie green red, white and purple. Whittlesey County Council also gave him a present, presented by the Mayor who is David Mason the churchwarden from St Andrews.

The Collect for Sunday – Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Generous God

you give us gifts and make them grow:

though our faith is small as mustard seed,

make it grow to your glory

and the flourishing of your kingdom;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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:
Lyn Wood, Doris Cooper***

Anniversaries 26th July to 2nd August

St Andrew's: 26th George Frederick Butcher, Robert Goodwin, Raymond George Millard,

St Thomas': 28th Martha Ann Dean, 29th Beryl Gray,

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

Please make use of the daily cycle of readings.

Sunday 26th – 7th Sunday after Trinity – Green

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

Monday 27th-Saturday 1st August

Monday	M P	Psalm 1 2 3.	1 Samuel 10:1-16	Luke 22:24-30
Tuesday	M P	Psalm 5 6 8.	1 Samuel 10:17-19	Luke 22:31-38
Wednesday	M P	Psalm 119:1-32	1 Samuel 11:1-27	Luke 22:39-46
Thursday	M P	Psalm 14 15 16.	1 Samuel 12:1-31	Luke 22:47-62
Friday	M P	Psalm 17 19.	1 Samuel 13:5-18	Luke 22:63-71
Saturday	M P	Psalm 20 21 23.	1 Samuel 13:19-14-15	Luke 23:1-12

Sunday 2 August-8th Sunday after Trinity-Green

**First reading: Isaiah 55:1-5 Second reading Romans 9:1-5
Gospel Matthew 14:13-21**

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 Sunday 26 August 7th Sunday after Trinity

Matthew 13 31-33 & 47-52

In Matthew 13:31-32, Jesus tells the parables about the mustard seed and the yeast. For people like you and me, it can be easy to talk about how these parables are subversive. It's not just about how little things turn in to great big

things. It's more about how the Kingdom of God takes over everything around it. The mustard takes over the field. The yeast takes over the bread. They are small and seem insignificant, but they change everything around them. That's how the Kingdom of God works.

It can be easy to preach a message like that. But it can still be difficult for people like us to believe it. Sometimes it seems like the things we do to bring about God's Kingdom aren't really doing a whole lot of good. We've been there. We know the struggles that take place in the church. We yearn to see some fruit of our labours.

Since the promise of Jesus is true for all people, the seeds that we plant and the yeast that we hide in the dough - these little things that don't seem like much - they are indeed the ways that God is bringing the Kingdom into this world.

Scott Hoezee, wrote this:

“as bearers of God's kingdom, we keep plugging away at activities which may look silly or meaningless to the world but which we believe contain the very seed of a new creation. We keep coming to church and singing our old hymns, reciting our old formulas and creeds. All of us keep opening an ancient book called the Bible, looking to find within it the truths that are anything-but ancient. We keep gathering at sick beds and death beds and whisper our prayers for the Spirit of the resurrection to be with us in life and in death. We keep drizzling water onto squirming infants and popping bread and wine into our mouths in the earnest faith that through the Spirit baptism and communion don't just mean something, they mean everything.

And we keep working for Jesus in this mixed-up, backward world of ours. We keep pointing people to an old rugged cross, having the boldness to suggest that the man who died on that cross is now the Lord of the galaxies.”

If Jesus can say that the Kingdom of God takes over this world through little things like mustard seed and yeast, then the Kingdom of God is surely taking over this world too! Even if you just see the little corner of the world you live in, it is still being transformed because of what God is doing through us all.

We may struggle. We may feel like we are insignificant and it may seem like what we do doesn't have much effect. In these parables, Jesus says that it is through things that seem insignificant and ineffectual that the Kingdom of God comes.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for your presence in our lives and in the world. We thank you for the progress that is being made against hunger, poverty, and disease in our time - and for the opportunities you give each of us to advance your purposes in the world. We pray in name of Jesus that your Kingdom will come. Amen.