



**Andrew's Whittlesey, St Mary's Whittlesey,
St Thomas' Pondersbridge and Holy Trinity Coates**
Church of England Team Ministry:
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Sunday 23 August 2020
Services in our parish churches.
Please observe social distancing and follow advice given.

9.30am Zoom Morning Praise
9.30am St Andrew's Morning Praise
Holy Trinity No Service
11.00am St Mary's Morning Praise
6.00pm St Thomas' Holy Communion-Rev'd Michael Jones

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.
Face masks must be worn by those attending

Sunday 23 August - 11th Sunday after Trinity – Green
First reading: Isaiah 51:1-6 Second reading: Romans 12:1-8
Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Monday 24 August - Saturday 29 August

Monday	M P	Psalm 86	Genesis 28:10-17	John 1:43-51
Tuesday	M P	Psalm 89:1-18	2 Samuel 5:1-12	Acts 7:1-16
Wednesday	M P	Psalm 119:105-128	2 Samuel 6:1-19	Acts 7:17-43
Thursday	M P	Psalm 92	2 Samuel 7:1-17	Acts 7:44-53
Friday	M P	Psalm 88	2 Samuel 7:18-29	Acts 7:54-8:3
Saturday	M P	Psalm 97	2 Samuel Ch 9	Acts 8:4-25

Services for 30 August 2020

9.30am Zoom Morning Praise
11.00am Combined Service, St Mary's Holy Communion-Rev'd Michael Jones

Sunday 30 August - 12th Sunday after Trinity - Green
First reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21 Second reading: Romans 12:9-21
Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

The Collect for 23 August 2020 – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

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that we can send the Newsletter to you from our new e-mail address.

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.

Please remember in your prayers:

Those who are in residential homes, hospital or hospice & those known personally to us including: Marie Rogers, Terry Randells, Emma Aindow-Gregory, Lizzie Monk, Joan Kefford, Cheryl Tyner, Judy Stewart, Richard Willows, Allen Ollenbittle

All NHS staff, care workers, emergency services, funeral directors and all key workers.

The families and friends of those who have recently died:

Jack Tyers	private funeral 25 August 2020 followed by interment at Whittlesey Cemetery at 1.15pm
Colin Boon	private funeral 27 August 2020 followed by interment at Whittlesey Cemetery at 11.45am
Joan Butcher	private funeral 1 September 2020 followed by interment at Whittlesey Cemetery 12.45pm
Desmond Smith	private funeral 3 September at the Crematorium
Dorris Tame	private funeral 4 September 2020 followed by interment at Church 11.30am

Anniversaries 23 to 29 August

St Andrew's: Phyllis Greenwood 24 Edith May Hipwell 25 John Markham Greenwood 25
Elsie Mary Johnson 27
St Thomas': Bernard William Claxton 29
St Mary's: Ruben Sampson 25
Holy Trinity: Janet Dorothy Cook 26

Please note the dates agreed for our **APCM** across the Benefice to be held in the appropriate Church building with strict socially distancing to be observed.

St Andrews':	10 September 7pm
Holy Trinity:	15 September 4pm
St Thomas':	27 September after the service at 6pm
St Mary's:	27 September 7pm in St Thomas' after their meeting

The Team Benefice Section 12 meeting will be held on 22 September at 7pm in St Mary's, this is where the Parish Profiles will be reviewed. All members of the PCCs are to attend if at all possible, this is an important meeting. Each PCC

should be represented by at least three people, thank you.

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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Future Events

There will be a Village Yard Sale in Coates on Bank Holiday Monday August 31st 10am-2pm. To register your pitch, email friendsofcoateschurch@gmail.com each pitch will cost £10 which will be used to support the Friends of Coates Church to maintain the Churchyard. A full list of participating addresses will be published on Friday 28th Aug- I will try and get included in here, if allowed-ed

Psalm 124 - What If? (Psalm 124:1–8)

The phrase, “If the Lord had not been on our side” is repeated twice in the first two verses, I have read a beautiful quote from Martin Luther regarding this passage of scripture:

“This repetition is not in vain. For whilst we are in danger, our fear is without measure, but when it is once past, we imagine it to have been less than it was indeed and this is the delusion of Satan, to diminish and obscure the grace of God”.

Martin Luther

Verses 3-5 speak of complete and utter destruction that would have occurred had God not been on the side of the Israelites. Something to keep in mind is that the Israelites were attacked often. David was a mighty warrior (remember David defeated Goliath, and he was Saul’s No1 soldier until Saul became jealous and wanted to kill David).

In Psalm 124, David gives God the glory for their victory, reminding us that our strengths and weaknesses mean nothing unless we have the provision of God.

In verses 6-8, we see a shift from past tense (God was on our side) to present tense (Our help is in the Lord).

Let me make some observations.

First, whom you put your trust in is of importance. What you believe about God *does* matter. You must therefore do all you can to learn about the God who has revealed Himself in the Bible.

Second, it is helpful to reflect on God’s preservation of Israel over the course of history. The history of Israel has a great deal to teach us about the character of God; and as the New Testament makes abundantly clear, He has not changed.

Third, remember that history is heading somewhere. This is why God preserved Israel: He was preserving His Seed. God is faithful to keep covenant.

Forth, God’s preservation of His people is at the same time His preservation of His promises and purposes. The three - God’s people, God’s promises and God’s purposes are inseparable.

Let us learn to humble ourselves. Let us grow in our knowledge of God. Let us reflect often on God’s preservation of His people, His purposes and respond by blessing Him (v. 6). Let us not be shy to bless His name publicly. Let us confess our vulnerability. Let us drop the façade of toughness.

When you are faced with daunting circumstances ask the important question, “What if the Lord had not been on my side? What would have happened and where would I be?”

If we are a Christians, we have every reason to rejoice and to be moved to know the LORD better. Rev’d Mike