



Sunday 30 August 2020
Services in our parish churches.

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

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

Monday 31 August - Saturday 05 September

Monday	M P	Psalm 98	2 Samuel Ch 11	Acts 8:26-40
Tuesday	M P	Psalm 106	2 Samuel 12:1-25	Acts 9:1-19a
Wednesday	M P	Psalm 111	2 Samuel 15:1-12	Acts 9:19b-31
Thursday	M P	Psalm 115	2 Samuel 15:13-37	Acts 9:32-43
Friday	M P	Psalm 139	2 Samuel 16:1-14	Acts 10:1-16
Saturday	M P	Psalm 121	2 Samuel 17:1-23	Acts 10:17-33

Services for 6 September 2020

09.30am	Zoom	Morning Praise
	St Andrew's	Holy Communion-Rev'd Andrew Smith
11.00am	Holy Trinity	Morning Praise
	St Thomas'	Morning Praise
	St Mary's	No Service

Sunday 06 September - 13th Sunday after Trinity - Green

First reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11 Second reading: Romans 13:8-14
 Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

The Collect for 30 August 2020 – Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 Prayer for the world

God of love and hope, you made the world and care for all creation, but the world feels strange right now. The news is full of stories about Coronavirus. Some people are worried that they might get ill. Others are anxious for their family and friends. Be with them and help them to find peace. We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists, and all who are working to discover the right medicines to help those who are ill. Thank you that even in these anxious times, you are with us. Help us to put our trust in you and keep us safe. 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, Allan Ollenbittle, Mavis Connor

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 Colin Boon

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 (Dot) Tame

private funeral 4 September 2020 followed by interment in St Thomas' Church Yard at 11.30am

Anniversaries 23 to 29 August

St Andrew's: Janet Yardy 31 Graham Richard Cork 31 Theophilus Wesley Bingham 3
Frederick Miles Oldfield 4 Daisy Vincent M Butcher 5 Hilda Mary Stafford 5

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 **APCMs** 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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Notices

With thanks to our previous Website Administrator, who has moved out of our area, for all of his efforts, thank you Mark Fairbank, we are now looking for another Administrator to take over from Mark. We would like to be able to update what is happening around the Parishes and are looking to put the Zoom services on line in the future: we have a dream. If you can help or know of anyone who might like to practice their web design skills on us, please contact a member of the Ministry Team,

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.

The **Ride and Stride** sponsorship forms are out and about, Roger Brown and Terry and Jane Randells are all planning on cycling to raise monies for the whole team; this is happening on September 12th. Roger is planning a route to reach the other side of the A1, to include Kings Cliff. Terry and Jane plan to visit our four Churches, with Jane heading home and Terry carrying on. We are not expecting any Churches to be open on the day. If you do not want to touch paper work, please ring us or your Church Wardens, all donations will be gratefully received.

Jeremiah 5:15-21 Romans 12:9-end Matthew 16:21-28

I have always felt so very sorry for Jeremiah, he never seems to have had much of a life of his own; he reminds me of those folk that we used to say had a vocation. You know the ones; they didn't get paid much and worked far more hours than they should have. It would appear that he got his calling to be a prophet at a very early age, not many people listened to him and to add insult to injury he was carried off, by his own people, against his will and taken to Egypt where it

is thought he died in obscurity.

Not, one would think, a good advert for doing God's work now or then. In his ministry Jeremiah spoke up against those who turned to gods (with a little g), other than Yahweh; he saw that the result of this would be invasion and defeat, it would be another nation, Babylon, that would do this, but, Jeremiah knew that it would be God who would be using this nation as His agent.

It is because he was proved right in the end that his words have been kept and indeed treasured; his words meant to reform one community were to prove helpful to the nation as it returned from exile and have indeed been useful through out the ages. Jesus speaks the words of the "new covenant" that Jeremiah spoke, when talking of his death and resurrection.

The words that we have from Jeremiah this morning show us so clearly what it is like to be different to those that are living around us. He says that he has suffered and has not joined in with the good life that he has seen going on around him because he has followed what he believes is the way of God. I love that bit about the eating of the words, the words that were his joy and his heart's delight. I do hope that there are times when those of us who try and preach each week can make the words of God your joy and heart's delight.

Jeremiah is clearly told that he has to repent and that he has to remain the spokesman. The people have to become like Jeremiah not the other way around. Look at the difference in the attitude to those around them between Jeremiah and that of Paul as he writes to the Romans. Jeremiah, in my Bible says, "Avenge me on my persecutors"; let us look at what it is that Paul wants us to do to our neighbours. If there is one passage in the whole of the Bible that shows the world how a person following Christ should behave, in my opinion, this would have to be it, or fairly close to the top of any list that we could put together.

What is there not to strive towards, putting others before one's self, sharing with those who have less than we do and practising hospitality? How about, not being proud, not being conceited and not repaying evil with evil? Just think how changed the town of Whittlesey would be if we could live like that. From Whittlesey the country and then the world; is this not something to pray for and to work towards this week and beyond?

Talking of burning coals, I looked up that reference; it would appear that in Egypt it was the custom for penitent men to carry a pan of burning charcoal around on their heads. What strikes me is the difference in behaviour that is asked of Jeremiah, the Roman believers and through them, ourselves. No, I am not letting us off the gospel this morning, to be honest with you I think that this passage just affirms my points; what would you have imagined that the disciples would do to those that put Jesus to death if you didn't know the story already? Would they, or indeed should they have fought in the garden and prevented the arrest, should they have stormed the court proceedings, or lain in wait and taken Jesus while He carried His cross to Golgotha? If none of these were practical should they have taken their revenge on those who made the decision to have Jesus put to death, maybe taking a member of their family and executing them? Maybe they should have killed the soldiers who nailed Jesus to the cross?

In fact Jesus says here that He will return in His Father's glory with his angels and that we will all be rewarded as to what we have done. Does that scare you a bit, maybe a big bit? It does me. I am more used to remembering the words that say that it is through grace that we are redeemed

not through our works, but, here is clearly says that the words of Jesus were, "He will reward everyone according to what they have done". Amen