



**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 27 September 2020
Services in our parish churches.

**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**

Services for 27 September – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity (Green)

09.30am	Zoom	Morning Praise
	Holy Trinity	No Service
	St Andrew's	Morning Praise
11.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion - Rev'd Mike Jones
1.00pm	St Mary's	Baptism – Evie Shirley Crick - Rev'd Mike Jones
6.00pm	St Thomas'	Holy Communion - Rev'd Andrew Smith

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Psalm 25:1-8 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32

The Collect for 27 September 2020

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Monday 28 September - Saturday 3 October

Monday	M P	Psalm 44	1 Kings 12:25-13:10	Acts 19:8-20
Tuesday	M P	Psalm 34	Daniel 12:1-4	Acts 12:1-11
Wednesday	M P	Psalm 119:57-80	1 Kings ch 17	Acts 20:1-16
Thursday	M P	Psalm 57	1 Kings 18:1-20	Acts 20:17-38
Friday	M P	Psalm 51	1 Kings 18:21-46	Acts 21:1-16
Saturday	M P	Psalm 68	1 Kings ch 19	Acts 21:17-36

From 1 October there will be a service of Holy Communion at St Andrews at 9.15am presided, alternatively by Rural Dean Rev'd Andrew Smith and Rev'd Paul Bennett

Services for 4 October – Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity (Green)-Harvest Festival Services

If you are able to come to Church with a Harvest Gift, please, could it not be fresh fruit and vegetables this year. Any gifts of boxed, wrapped or bottled goods will be forwarded to our Food Banks. Any financial gifts would be welcomed in an envelope marked for Food Bank, thank you

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Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Revelations 14:14-18 Gospel John 6:25-35 (Year C)

School Services - LLM John Crisp

Thursday 1st October

10.15am AJS Primary School Year 6 Assembly (Iceland Class)

2.55pm Coates Primary School Zoom Assembly

Wednesday 7th October

11.30pm at St Andrew's churchyard Interment of the cremated remains of Margaret Peacock

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, Mavis Connor, David Jarvis

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

The families and friends of those who have recently died:

Kathleen Blake Thelma Hipwell

Janet Brown private funeral 28 Sep Holy Trinity followed by Fenland Crematorium

Anniversaries 27 September-3 October

St Andrew's: Francis Harold Newman 29 Lorna Joan Spire 1 Olive Francis Turner 2 Ruth Mabel Dickinson 2

St Thomas':

St Mary's: Greta Prokopczuk 1

Holy Trinity: Thomas Ralph Butcher 29 Irene Joan Jackson 30 George William Henry Ping 30 Doris Ada Lowe 30
Doris May Jackson 3

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 Thomas': 27 September after the service at 6pm

St Mary's: 27 September 7pm in St Thomas' after their meeting

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

Cambridge Historic Churches Ride and Stride A very pleasant morning's cycling was had by Terry & Jane Randells on Saturday 12th September. We set off at 0915, doing a circuit via Holy Trinity, Coates, St. Mary's, Whittlesey, St. Andrew's, Whittlesey and finally St. Thomas's, Pondersbridge. We spent 3 hours out, just over 1 1/4 hours in the saddle, the remainder stopping for drinks and snacks, and to take photographs and chat to Churchwardens who were about at Holy Trinity and St. Thomas's. The total distance was 14 miles.

We will be collecting the sponsorship forms and donations/sponsorship from the four churches in the Benefice over the next few weeks, with grateful thanks to all those that have supported us all in this effort. We were blessed with lovely weather and took advantage of the two Remembrance benches at Holy Trinity and St. Thomas's to sit on. Post event sponsorship is very welcome, all monies raised will go to the Cambridge Historic Churches Ride and Stride fund, it will then be divided between them and the Team Account, thank you.

Thank you We, the Ministry Team, would like to thank Stephen Palmer for all of his hard work on our Web pages and the like. We have many skills between us, but this was not one of them, again, thank you so much for all of your help Stephen.

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Psalm 25:1-8 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32

The word that leapt out at me for reflecting on this morning was Authority; in Matthew's gospel, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to Jesus and asked him "by what authority are you doing these things, and who gives you this authority?" I have been thinking about the many ways that others have authority over us and those things and people, that we have or have had authority over.

With our military background it is not hard for us to work out who has authority and who has given it to us: more stripes, more authority and responsibility. We have sworn or attested to submit to those more senior to us and all this authority comes from the Queen.

A lot of authority comes through taking exams and joining professional bodies. Getting jobs where there are pyramids of power, being a parent or carer gives authority over those we are charged to take care of. Even driving a vehicle on the roads we are under the authority of the highway code and its rules. Authority for our behaviour in these weird times is through the media and what is reported to us. Directions come from the scientists, the medics, the local authorities and from central government.

Parents and carers have authority in the home to make sure that children and young adults are as safe as can possibly be. As teenagers many of us fought against this authority, many times ending up stamping up the stairs and slamming the doors. It is when authority is abused that relationships break down. If we can maintain methods of communication of lot of damage can be prevented.

For us as followers of our Risen Lord, we have rules clearly laid out in the Bible, but, how many of us have read our Bibles through from cover to cover lately? I remember a little rhyme that said "When a Bible is well used, the devil is not amused". I think that in these days where we have so much more time on our hands, that we should all check with our authority, we should check the rule book, look for where the Preacher, or even the writer of the reflections get their information from. Are they right, could they have said more? Do let us know,

Lock down seems to have lasted for ages, introverts are enjoying the solitude, but maybe not full houses, extroverts are enjoying displaying their skills on U-tube and the rest, but not having a real audience must be hard for them, what we have to do is enjoy those things which make us smile and try that little bit harder to bite back the angry retort when we have upset someone so much that they shout or hoot the horn at us.

We may have been in the right, but should we shout back, or as a nephew might say, "show him the finger Auntie Jane", I don't think so, bless them, stamp down the anger, don't let the evil one have the upper hand. If we don't abuse the authority we have there will be peace at home, on the roads, in school and college, at work and in town, and ultimately the world. If we cannot find a way to maintain peace we can look for mediators amongst us who can help, don't let the sulking last forever, don't add to the tension, let us be the peace makes.

Surely this is the better way to use our God given peace, the peace that passes all understanding. Surely we know that we have authority to stamp on the head of the evil one, we have the authority to claim our family and friends for Jesus, we have the authority to praise, even if at the moment we can only do it in our heads.

Let us use our authority in what ever capacity we have it this week to spread the light, the yeast, the salt and the peace of Christ where ever we are and where ever we go this week and may you be blessed as you bless others, Amen JR