



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

www.wpcteam.org.uk

Sunday 25 October 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 25 October – The Last Sunday after Trinity/ Bible Sunday (Green)

09.30am	Zoom	Morning Praise
	Holy Trinity	No Service
	St Andrew's	Morning Praise
11.00am	St Mary's	Morning Praise
6.00pm	St Thomas'	Holy Communion

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 Psalm 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46

Nehemiah 8:1-4a, (5-6), 8-12 Psalm 119:9-16 Colossians 3:12-17 Matthew 24:30-35

The Collect for Last Sunday after Trinity / Bible Sunday

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Monday 26 October- Saturday 31 October 2020

Monday	M P	Psalm 126	2 Kings 21:1-18	1 Timothy 1:1-17
Tuesday	M P	Psalm 132	2 Kings 22:1-23:3	1 Timothy 1:18-2:15
Wednesday	M P	Psalm 116, 117	Isaiah 45:18-25	Luke 6:12-16
Thursday	M P	Psalm 143	2 Kings 23:36-24:17	1 Timothy chapter 4
Friday	M P	Psalm 144	2 Kings 24:18-25:12	1 Timothy 5:1-16
Saturday	M P	Psalm 147	2 Kings 25:22-30	1 Timothy 5:17-25

Tuesday Ministry Team Meeting Morning Prayer at St Mary's to start at 9.30am

Thursday Holy Communion at St Andrews 9.15am

Services for 1 November – All Souls/All Saints

09.30am	Zoom	Morning Praise
	Holy Trinity	Morning Praise
	St Andrew's	Holy Communion
11.00am	St Mary's	Morning Praise
6.00pm	St Thomas'	Holy Communion

Revelation 7:9-17 Psalm 34:1-10 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12

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.

The Ely Prayer

We praise and thank you, God of the journey, for all your gifts to us in the past. We look to you as fellow-traveller and faithful companion on the way ahead. Shelter and protect us from all harm and anxiety; give us grace to let go of all that holds us back; and grant us the courage to meet the new life you have promised us in Jesus Christ 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

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:

Bernard Mills

Joan Boome

Funeral was held at Peterborough Crematorium

David Jarvis

Private funeral at St Andrews 26 Oct 11.00am with burial in Whittlesey Cemetery afterwards

Donald Reddell

Private funeral at Peterborough Crematorium 27 Oct 11.00am

Isobella Ann Tinkler

Private funeral at Peterborough Crematorium 28 Oct 12.30pm

John Curtis

Private funeral at St Andrews 12 noon 5 Nov, followed by Fenland Crematorium 1.30pm

Bob Smee

Private funeral at Peterborough Crematorium 6 Nov 1.30pm

Anniversaries 26-31 October

St Andrew's: Harold Kewish 26 Gladys May Kisby 28 Emily Jane (Cis) Oldfield 30

St Thomas': Thomas Edwards 28 James Wade 31

St Mary's: Irene Goodwin 27 Maurice English 28 Pauline Betsy Gray 29

Holy Trinity: George Edward King 29 Bernard Cook 31

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/>

Ministry Team - Contacts

ASSISTANT PARISH PRIEST

REV'D MICHAEL JONES. - 01733-203588

- michael.jones123@sky.com

LICENSED LAY MINISTERS (READERS)

MR JOHN CHRISP 01733 844336 - johnchrisp@yahoo.com

MR ROGER BROWN 01733 202884 - rogerbrown41@hotmail.co.uk

MRS JANE RANDELLS 07870 942362 - jane.randells@gmail.com (Editor)

ST.MARY'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PARISH CHURCH

CHURCHWARDENS

MRS SUE ILES-PALMER – 01733 205282 sueiles-palmer@hotmail.co.uk
MR KEN PALMER - 01733 205282 kenfogtravel@hotmail.co.uk
TREASURER
MR NICK STANBRIDGE – 01733 204913 nicholas196@hotmail.com

ST.ANDREW'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PARISH CHURCH

CHURCHWARDENS

MR DAVID MASON – 01733 208215 annandave49@yahoo.co.uk
MRS SARAH WALKER – 01733 204351 sarah.walker247@btinternet.com
TREASURER
MRS CHERYL JAKES – 01733 359450 c.jakes1404@gmail.com

ST.THOMAS' CHURCH OF ENGLAND PARISH CHURCH

CHURCHWARDENS

MR PAUL TURNER - 01733 844497 oldpumphouse@btinternet.com
MRS CAROL TURNER - 01733 844497 carolturner208@btinternet.com
TREASURER
MR RICHARD BURGESS – 01733 844208 burgesselizabeth59@gmail.com

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PARISH CHURCH

CHURCHWARDENS

TRICIA BROOKES - 01733840145 pabrookes6b@gmail.com
MR PAUL TURNER - 01733 844497 oldpumphouse@btinternet.com
TREASURER
MRS SUSAN JONES – 01733 203588 michael.jones123@sky.com

Notices

The First Sunday in December will be our service in which we collect toys for those children who would otherwise not have any. WE ask that they are new and unwrapped, this year, we ask that they do not include soft toys, thank you for your support and understanding.

Wet Walnuts for sale once again Pat Marston is offering her walnuts at £4 a half kilo, all the proceeds will go to the Little Miracles in Peterborough who help Special Needs Children. If you would like a bag please ring 07443867424 to arrange collection

Morning Prayer at St Mary's on Monday/Tuesdays The members of the Ministry Team meet together on Monday/Tuesday morning to start at 10.00, normally. This week we are on Tuesday to start at 9.30am. After prayers we address any issues we have been asked about and go through the draft Newsletter for the following weekend. We would welcome anyone that would like to attend our prayer meetings.

Bible Study We would like to start a Zoom Bible Study that would meet through the season of Advent, on a Wednesday evening, If you would be interested please contact Laura Whitehouse or myself.

All Souls/All Saints services 1November 2020 If you would like to have a loved one remembered in our All Souls/All Saints services this year, there are forms in Church, if you would prefer there is a slip here that you can cut off and post, pass to Church for inclusion.

A message from Christine McGowen “The Power of Prayer Thank you from Virginia, USA. My stepson, John McGowen, had surgery on October 6th on his one remaining kidney. It was a complicated surgery that could have had negative results. John attributes the outcome to all the prayers said here and across the States for him, his surgeon and the surgical team. Not only was the tumour removed safely but the kidney is functioning normally and the prognosis is very good! He wishes to sincerely thank all who prayed and wishes you to give thanks to our gracious and mighty God”.

Leviticus 19:1.2. 15-18, 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22: 34-end

What on earth is there here for me to preach on today? Unless this is your first time in a Christian service then there is no way that one has not heard all about loving one's neighbour; but, why I wondered is there such an emphasis on loving one's neighbour? I thought it might be worth our while looking at why it was important, when these passages were written, to take such care of a neighbour and if any of that has any relevance for us today in Whittlesey and beyond.

The book of Leviticus appears to be a book full of rules, it is a book full of rules and regulations about how the people that Moses led out of Egypt were to behave. The rules seem to cover every aspect of living together and for worshipping God. This is how it got its name as the rules were written for the Levites, the priests, hence Leviticus. Moses is told to tell the people that they are holy because God is holy. These people were a chosen people, they had been rescued from slavery and were led through the desert and enabled to enter lands that were not theirs and to take them over as their own.

If they were to stay as a special people they would have to live differently to those who lived around them. Their worship was to be different, they would not be allowed to worship many gods, only one; they were not to marry outside of the tribes so that the nation would remain pure. The rules that we are looking at this week are all to do with how to live together in harmony. Justice is to be fair, everyone is to be equal regardless of wealth and social standing, slander is forbidden as is anything that endangers another's life, siblings are to be loved, neighbours are to be told off frankly and revenge and grudges are not allowed. Then comes the command that we get later in the Gospel about loving our neighbour's as ourselves.

The issue amongst that long list that grips me is the one to do with siblings, I have six of them and at times I have not loved them all as I should. I wonder which of them grips you the most; do please tell me as we meet later. When Paul preached he did so in three ways; he used words, he used deeds and he used signs. All these things that he knew Jesus had used before him. If we have heard the words this morning, we are being instructed as to what the deeds are that we must accomplish for the signs of the kingdom to be noticed by those we are trying to attract to the knowledge and love of God.

Paul reminds us that he had been treated very badly for delivering the message that he had been told to deliver. He tells us that he is succeeding in his mission. In this he reminds us that if we are doing the work of God there is going to be opposition, there are going to be hard times, lies and slanders are going to be past around. He shows us that we are to do the work of God with no regard for reward or praise. That we are to love those whom we work and live amongst so much that we are "delighted to share with them not only the gospel of God but our lives as well". Our greatest example of this, giving of one's life, being, the sacrifice is the one that Jesus made for us all.

The quote from Jesus in Matthew this morning is from that text in Leviticus, many folk do not bother with the Old Testament or indeed the book of Leviticus because they say that it is irrelevant, but how can something be irrelevant if Jesus uses it to make a point? I have read somewhere that Leviticus is quoted over one hundred times in the New Testament, how can we hope to understand these references if we haven't spent time looking at the book itself and the reasons that it was written? Much of what is written within Leviticus is, on the surface not any use for us today; but, the ethics, there is a word we don't seem to hear much of today, I will say it again, the ethics of much of what is good from within our faith comes from within the ritual and the rules that are there in this book.

What was written in Leviticus as a rule that had to be obeyed is told by Jesus in another way. He is asked which the greatest commandment is in the law. His answer is LOVE.

Everything what we are to do in life and in worship is to be based on that small word, Love. Some folks will find the loving of the neighbour as oneself hard if they have not learnt that they themselves are worth loving. The one thing that brought me into the fold was that God loved me as I was. God loves us all, warts and all. He loves us so much he SENT his only Son to die for us. The instructions about loving God cover everything, we are told to love God with every part of us, with heart, mind and soul.

Jesus is then reported as asking a question of his own, what do they think of the Christ? They could not answer him, but, we are assured that as God, Christ is David's Lord and as man, Christ is the son of David. They could not answer because they did not own that Christ was indeed the Messiah that they were waiting for. We are all chosen, as were the people with Moses, we are chosen to tell and show those around us that God loves them.

When I looked at the list for the readings for today there was another option altogether, we could have had the readings for Bible Sunday. I pray that I have worked up a little interest in you for the reasons why things were as they were and for reading a little more of the Bible so that more of what Jesus is telling us to do becomes more accessible to us all. Amen