



Whittlesey, Pondersbridge & Coates

Church of England Churches

TEAM MATTERS



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We are pilgrims in life and faith. The journeys we travel will lead us along different pathways and there will be various encounters on the way. Our life experiences make us the person we are today. As individuals we are unique, made in the image of God and loved by Him. As Christians we are on a journey of faith, a pilgrimage, and each step we take helps us to build a relationship with God by getting to know Him through His Son, Jesus Christ who is our companion and guide.

We all have Christian names but often we are known by a different one, either its abbreviation or something else. Jesus is known as **'The Light of the World'**.

'The Light of the World' is also the title of a famous picture by Holman Hunt which was painted in 1854. It shows Jesus Christ, thorn-crowned, and carrying a lantern, knocking at a closed door. After Holman had finished the painting someone pointed out to him that there was no handle on the door. His reply was, *"We must open to the Light – the handle is on the inside."*

The picture is based on the words from Chapter 3 verse 20 of the Book of Revelation in the New Testament of the Bible:

"Listen! I am standing at the door knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me."

In other words Jesus Christ is standing outside the door of the individual's heart or life. Everyone is invited to open that door to receive and welcome Jesus Christ into his or her life.

The painting gives us all reassurance. Jesus Christ is there waiting for us to open the door to him. He is full of unconditional love, compassion and forgiveness. He listens to us and to our prayer. He has given us his power over death which means that we can share in his eternal life in heaven when we die.

Sometimes people lose their faith, others are looking for a faith and others are struggling with their faith. This may result in them giving up praying, believing or going to church. If only they were to open that door, and it's not difficult, they would realise how much better they feel. On the other side of that door is Jesus Christ **"The Light of the World"** who is waiting to light the way.

You may have friends who haven't opened their hearts or lives to Jesus Christ; please encourage them to open their door. Remember, we have the Pilgrim project meetings to which everyone is welcome – its details were given in July Team Matters.

As pilgrims in faith we do need to be nurtured if we are to grow in the knowledge and love of God. May we therefore continually open our hearts and minds to Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

With every blessing

Gill and Nigel

You are welcome to join us at our services:

Sunday 3rd August – Feast of the Transfiguration

8.00 a.m. St Mary's	- BCP Said Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. St Andrew's	- Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity	- Holy Communion: please note change of service
11.00 a.m. St Mary's	- Morning Service
11.00 a.m. St Thomas'	- Holy Communion
1.00 p.m. St Mary's	- Baptism
1.00 p.m. St Andrew's	- Baptism
2.00 p.m. St Mary's	- Baptism
3.00 p.m. St Mary's	- Baptism
2.00 p.m. St Thomas'	- Commonwealth Games

Readings: Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14
2 Peter 1: 16-19
Luke 9: 28-36

Anniversaries of death

Holy Trinity: 8th Elizabeth Violet Read

St Andrew's: 3rd James Harry Anderson, 6th Lily Isabel Kefford,
8th Thomas James Cullup, Reginald David Henry Few

St Mary's: 4th Minnie Allen

Sunday 10th August – Trinity 8

9.30 a.m. St Andrew's	- Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity	- Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. St Mary's	- Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. St Thomas'	- Morning Service
2.00 p.m. St Mary's	- Baptism

Readings: Kings 19: 9 - 18
Romans 10: 5 - 15
Matthew 14: 22 - 33

Anniversaries of Death:

St Andrew's: 12th Arthur Leslie (Les) Barnes, 14th Colin Stretton Gilbey,
15th Neville Saunders Beeby, 16th Arthur Knight

St Mary's: 13th William Alfred Butcher, 14th Mark Charles Band, Vera Cole

St Thomas': 12th Olive Cumbridge

Sunday 17th August – Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8.00 a.m. St Andrew's	- BCP Said Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. St Andrew's	- Morning Service
9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity	- Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. St Mary's	- Holy Communion
1.00 p.m. Holy Trinity	- Baptism
2.00 p.m. St Thomas'	- Baptism
6.00 p.m. St Thomas'	- Holy Communion

Readings: Isaiah 61: 10-end
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 1: 46-55

Anniversaries of Death:

Holy Trinity: 21st Junie Squires, Thomas Ernest Doughty

St Andrew's: 19th Phyllis Mary Green

St Mary's: 17th Lucy Maud Barrs, John William Goodwin,
19th Clifford Robert Thomas Flintoft, 20th Reginald Thomas (Tom) Hales

Sunday 24th August – Feast of St Bartholomew

9.30 a.m. St Andrew's	- Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity	- Morning Service: please note change of service
11.00 a.m. St Mary's	- Holy Communion
1.00 p.m. St Mary's	- Baptism
6.00 p.m. St Thomas'	- Evening Service

Readings: Acts 5: 12-16
1 Corinthians 4: 9-15
Luke 22: 24-30

Anniversaries of Death:

Holy Trinity: 25th Alice Butler, 26th Janet Dorothy Cook

St Andrew's: 24th Phyllis Greenwood, 25th Edith May Hipwell, John Markham Greenwood,
27th Elsie Mary Johnson

St Mary's: 25th Reuben Sampson

St Thomas': 29th Bernard William Claxton

Sunday 31st August – Trinity 11

9.30 a.m. St Thomas'	- Team Holy Communion
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Readings: Jeremiah 15: 15 - 21
Romans 12: 9 - end
Matthew 16: 21 - end

Anniversaries of Death:

Holy Trinity: 31st Harry Alfred Cecil Aldridge, September 6th Lillian Newman

St Andrew's: 31st Janet Yardy, Graham Richard Cork,
September 3rd Theophilus Wesley Bingham, 4th Frederick Miles Oldfield,
5th Daisy Vincent M Butcher, Hilda Mary Stafford, 6th Francis Edward Redhead

St Mary's: September 1st Marjorie Rose Alice Plowright, 5th Arthur Merrill

St Thomas': September 4th Jane Margaret Wade, 5th Eileen Wilmer

Events around the Team in August:

- 4th 2.30 p.m. Service at Aliwal Manor
- 4th Pilgrim meeting 4 in St Mary's Church
- 5th 2.00 p.m. Service at Keneydon House
- 5th 2.45 p.m. Service at the Elms
- 6th 11.00 a.m. Service at The Gables
- 9th 2.00 p.m. Coates Mothers' Union – Mary Sumner Day - meeting at St Mary's Westry
- 11th 10 a.m. – 12 noon Messy Church at Holy Trinity
- 12th Pilgrim meeting 5 in Pondersbridge Hall
- 14th Ministry Team Meeting at 8 The Grove
- 15th 12 noon Wedding at St Mary's
- 16th 1.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Friends of St Andrew's Car Boot Sale at the hall
- 16th Team outing to Hunstanton
- 18th Pilgrim meeting 6 in St Mary's Church
- 23rd 1.00 p.m. Wedding at Holy Trinity
- 23rd 3.00 p.m. Wedding at St Mary's
- 25th 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. St Andrew's Church fete at the hall
- 27th 2.30 p.m. Service at The Hermitage
- 28th 7.30 p.m. Pilgrim Prayer Meeting in St Mary's Church
- 29th 2.00 p.m. Wedding at Holy Trinity
- 30th 9.30 a.m. – 12 noon Friends of Holy Trinity Book Sale in church
- 30th 3.00 p.m. Wedding at St Mary's

Regular Weekday Services:

- Monday:** 8.00am Morning Prayer at St Mary's
- Tuesday:** 9.15am Holy Communion at St Andrew's
- Wednesday:** 9.15am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity
- Thursday:** 9.15am Holy Communion at St Mary's
- Friday:** 8.00am Morning Prayer at St Andrew's,
12 noon Midday Prayer at St Mary's

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