



St Andrew Whissendine Holy Trinity Teigh
St Peter & St Paul Market Overton

Weekly Pewsheet

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From the Team Vicar

Dear Friends in Christ,

Yes, my greeting has changed deliberately this week. Why?

In the older translations of the Bible (of which my old faithful Jerusalem Bible, 1974 edition, is one) it often says 'brothers' whereas in the more recent inclusive translations it will say 'brothers and sisters'. I was echoing this previously in my greeting 'Brothers & Sisters in Christ' and to ensure that there was no question of all being equal sometimes reversed to 'Sisters & Brothers in Christ'!

Equality is something that Jesus addresses in today's gospel reading, the familiar story of the workers who, regardless of the length of their shifts, are all payed equally. There have been many interpretations of this story over the centuries, and a common initial response is that equal pay for unequal work is just not fair. But I wonder, are we missing the point? The point is not how much is paid but how each person is treated fairly, there is no hierarchy.

This has made me think about what Jesus says to his disciples on that last Passover night, he says 'You are my friends, if you do what I tell you.' John 15:14. And Jesus goes on to explain that servants don't know what the master is doing whereas they, as friends, know everything that the Father has shared with Jesus. As friends they are chosen and appointed to do good things, to 'bear fruit that will last'.

The dictionary describes a friend as 'a person with whom one has a bond of mutual affection' and 'someone who has your back, no matter what', which I think brings us back to the workers in the vineyard, they are not employees tasked with a job, they are friends. Friends being welcomed into the 'kingdom of heaven' and being appointed to good things, things that will bless them and their friends.

The kingdom of heaven is a place for friends, for those who have each other's back. To have someone's back involves going behind them... is this what Jesus is referring to when he says 'the first will be last and the last will be first'? And of course, if this pattern repeats there is a constant changing of position leading to a cycle of equality.

It sounds so simple yet in reality why do we find it so difficult...?

I wonder if our struggle is linked to the heart of last week's story – forgiveness. The slave who had been forgiven much, struggled to forgive another, even of a smaller amount, why? Is it because they see themselves as slaves and masters, a hierarchical structure that has no room for friends?

I have been reflecting further on forgiveness this week and the church's sacrament of reconciliation. On one level this is practised regularly in our services when we say together words of repentance and confession and receive absolution. This is a comfort and a blessing but for many it is not enough, more is sometimes needed to

help us to be relieved of our heaviest and long-carried burdens, to receive the affirmation of God's love, to know God's acceptance and forgiveness, and it is for this that the church offers the sacrament of reconciliation, a precious moment with priest and penitent coming together into the illuminating presence of God.

This week I sat with a friend who is nearing the end of his life. He is 65 years old. In his 20s, following a very painful and troubled childhood, he committed numerous crimes and the final one resulted in him spending 25 years in prison. He struggles to forgive himself and consequently is unable to receive God's forgiveness, acceptance, and love. Sadly, he will not allow himself to be reconciled and knows no peace. I pray that he will find peace, if not in this world then the next.

The sacrament of reconciliation is a gift that brings a peace and an acceptance of knowing we are a friend of God. It is a gift that, echoing the old Heineken advert, truly refreshes the parts that nothing else can, and if you would like to know more please get in touch.

Love & blessings,

Deborah

Church service times during September -

Following the recent PCC meetings, the services will continue as follows –

St Andrew's, Whissendine

Sunday 20th September 11am Morning Prayer

Sunday 27th September 4pm Evening Prayer

St Peter & St Paul's, Market Overton

Sunday 20th September 10am Morning Prayer

Sunday 27th September 10am Holy Communion

Holy Trinity, Teigh

Sunday 20th September 5pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 27th September 9am Morning Prayer

St Mary's, Ashwell

Sunday 20th September 10am Holy Communion

Sunday 27th September No service

Compline on Wednesdays at 5pm

Wednesday 16th September at Ashwell

Wednesday 23rd September at Market Overton

Wednesday 30th September at Whissendine

**ALL the services will use resources that are in the current
pewsheet
please remember to bring it with you**

Opening of church buildings outside of service times

During September, following risk assessments and the implementation of the measures indicated, the churches are beginning to again for unsupervised times. We aim to continue having a period of time every week of 72/48hrs break, to stop any build-up of virus and to simplify cleaning.

Holy Trinity, Teigh is now open daily Sunday – Thursday.

St Andrew's, Whissendine is now open daily Sunday – Wednesday.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services

Church services are not affected by the new legislation regarding 6 people only to gather, except that people will be asked not to gather/sit in groups of more than 6 people. So we are continuing with our plans for Harvest Thanksgiving services this year which are as follows –

Sunday 4th October

11am St Andrew's, Whissendine – in church with Harvest hymns

12.30pm Holy Trinity, Teigh – in the churchyard with Harvest hymns

Saturday 10th October

12noon St Mary's, Ashwell – in the churchyard with Harvest hymns

Sunday 11th October

10am St Peter & St Paul, Market Overton – in church with Harvest hymns



A favourite hymn and why...

chosen this week by Hilda Townsend from St Andrews Church Whissendine.

My favourite hymn since I was about 10 years of age has been. My song is Love unknown, My Saviour's love to me,

The words, all of them, speak for themselves, especially to me.

If you have a favourite hymn to share please send the title, and up to 200 words saying what makes it special, to Liz - psa@oakhamteam.org.uk

My Saviour's love to me



1. My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love to me,
love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovely be.

O, who am I,
that for my sake
my Lord should take
frail flesh and die?

2. He came from his blest throne,
salvation to bestow;
but men made strange, and none
the longed-for Christ would know.

But O, my Friend,
my Friend indeed,
who at my need
his life did spend!

3. Sometimes they strew his way,
and His sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King.

Then 'Crucify!'
is all their breath,
and for his death
they thirst and cry.

7. Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine!
This is my Friend,
in whose sweet praise
I all my days
could gladly spend.

*4. Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?

He made the lame to run,
he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries!
yet they at these
themselves displease,
and gainst him rise.

5. They rise, and needs will have
my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save,
the Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful he
to suffering goes,
that he his foes
from thence might free.

*6. In life, no house, no home
my Lord on earth might have;
in death, no friendly tomb
but what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heaven was his home;
but mine the tomb
wherein he lay.

Words: Samuel Crossman (c1624-1683)

*Music: Love Unknown, John Nicholson Ireland (1879-1962)
(Ancient & Modern – 147)*

Sunday Worship

Welcome

We have come together in the name of Christ
to offer our praise and thanksgiving
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves afresh to the service of God

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Give us the joy of your saving help
And sustain us by your life-giving Spirit

Blessed are you, creator of all,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As your dawn renews the face of the earth
bringing light and life to all creation,
may we rejoice in this day you have made;
as we wake refreshed from the depths of sleep,
open our eyes to behold your presence
and strengthen our hands to do your will,
that the world may rejoice and give you praise.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever

After Lancelot Andrewes (1626)

Prayers of Penitence

Moment of quiet and prayers for forgiveness

God our Father,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

For turning away from you,
and ignoring your will for our lives;

The Word of God

Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish,
without thinking of you;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do,
and think and say;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you
by temptations in the world about us;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed
to belong to your Son;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

May the God of love
bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins,
and assure us of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Psalm 145.1-8

1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless you *
and praise your name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the Lord and highly to be praised; *
his greatness is beyond all searching out.

4 One generation shall praise your works to another *
and declare your mighty acts.

5 They shall speak of the majesty of your glory, *
and I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

6 They shall speak of the might of your marvellous acts, *
and I will also tell of your greatness.

7 They shall pour forth the story of your abundant kindness *
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

8 The Lord is gracious and merciful, *
long-suffering and of great goodness.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be
for ever. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading – *Jonah 3.10 - 4.11*

A reading from the Prophet Jonah

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, 'O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the LORD said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.' But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the LORD said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading – *Philippians 1.21-30*

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between

the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well – since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 20.1-16

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection
Responsory

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead

And Christ shall give you light.

You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

Set your minds on things that are above,
not on things that are on the earth.

And Christ shall give you light.

When Christ our life appears you will appear with him in glory.

**Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,
and Christ shall give you light.**

Morning Service - The Benedictus *(Luke 1.68-79)*

1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, *
who has come to his people and set them free.

2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, *
born of the house of his servant David.

3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old *
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,

4 To show mercy to our ancestors, *
and to remember his holy covenant.

5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

6 Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

8 To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of all their sins.

9 In the tender compassion of our God *
The dawn from on high shall break upon us,

10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Evening Service – Magnificat (Luke 1.46-55)

1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; *
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

2 From this day all generations will call me blessed; *
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.

3 He has mercy on those who fear him, *
from generation to generation.

4 He has shown strength with his arm *
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,

5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones *
and lifting up the lowly.

6 He has filled the hungry with good things *
and sent the rich away empty.

7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, *
to remember his promise of mercy,

8 The promise made to our ancestors, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

The Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

These responses may be used

Lord in Your mercy
Hear our prayer.

And at the end

Merciful Father
**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen**

The Collect for Trinity 15

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Conclusion

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
Amen.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God..

Reflection by Vyv Wainwright - Reader

Once upon a time Mr Very Angry arrived in a car park in a small historic market town somewhere in the centre of England. He loved to drive around in his very angry red fast car and would rev his engine hard to scare the dear ladies of the parish. He parked his car where he was not allowed to, as was his custom, and went to pay for his ticket. But then he got very very angry indeed and shouted out very loudly that the horrid car park company did not accept hard earned cash anymore in the parking ticket machines. So, he just went absolutely berserk to the point of seething with rage and utterly losing the plot. Even the Angry App on his phone started getting worried.

Meanwhile God heard how angry Mr Very Angry was up in heaven and wondered what on earth all this anger was about? God therefore decided to dispatched an angel called Timid Tina. Timid Tina begged not to go but God said just be yourself and all will be well. Have faith.

Timid Tina was very pleased with her little electric car that the car department had given her and so she parked it nicely in a nice little parking space especially for nice little electric cars and plug it in all for free. She saw how very angry Mr Very Angry was. She decided to tip-toe up to the ticket machine whilst Mr Very Angry was about to bust a blood vessel. She got out her phone and held it against the ticket machine. Out came a nice little ticket and Mr Very Angry was silent. Timid Tina now reached

into the pocket of Mr Very Angry's suit and took out his phone and held it against the ticket machine and behold out came a ticket.

Mr Very Angry remembered who he was and would have none of this nice and kind behaviour! He was angry, so he snatched the ticket from Timid Tina, shouted at her for interfering and stabbed a telephone number into his phone. Within seconds he was answered and he shouted that he wanted to speak to his MP now. Timid Tina would not have this though. She took the phone out his hand and gave him a right good dressing down about all the nasty things he had done throughout his life by being so horrid and angry. And to cap it all she had been in touch with his Mum who was on her way right now to sort him out. Mr Very Angry now looked more like Mr Very Terrified, oh dear!

Jonah was seriously angry in our Old Testament reading. He had a ticket for the football match in Spain to see Liverpool versus Barcelona but oh no, in came a text from God asking him to go to Nineveh. Pardon me, says Jonah, but are Liverpool playing there? I think not. And so, to cut a long story short, having been delivered back from Spain, courtesy of a whale, Jonah has done as he has asked.

Jonah is not happy. Surely, he should be happy we all say. Have not the people of Nineveh heard the message that Jonah has given from God? Have they not responded? Indeed, they have. Well done surely Jonah? Well actually no, Jonah is well and truly cross. The thing is he thought that God was really going to sort out the city of Nineveh big time. He thought that the missiles would fly in and that zillions of tanks would flood across the plains into the city and there would be loads of street fighting and explosions. Instead the citizens and the cattle of Nineveh, all said sorry. Now we find Jonah in our reading having a good old-fashioned sulk. He is sulking so much that he totally ignores the fact that God is actually thankful for what he has done and is looking after him. Gosh look at this large leaf plant which just happened to sprout right next to you to provide who with lovely shelter. But Jonah is still sulking and angry. God decided the best thing to do is to ring Jonah and just tell him that actually really deep-down God loves Jonah and God also loves Nineveh and thank you for what you have done but hey don't get angry – please!

Meanwhile, in the New Testament reading the shop stewards meeting has been held and the workers have been consulted and they are disgusted with the way in which the brothers and sisters' workers have been treated. Thus, there is anger and upset and a cause for a ballot and industrial action. Mrs Vineyard owner is sad. She points out that actually she was only trying to help folk who had no work. She made an offer to each potential employee of one silver coin for working in her vineyard that day. Each person who was approached agreed to these terms and conditions and well they went to work. She therefore feels that she has been made an offer which has been duly accepted by each person and so they should not be angry but surely happy.

Just recently I noted a title on a book called *The Right to Anger*. On the cover was someone who was angry with their fist up in anger. Anger is a real emotion and a real emotion which often comes from the heart. And yet it can damage the heart and our lives as a consequence, as we know. Even Jesus got angry the day he went into the temple and kicked over the tables of the money changers.

As we see and know anger does occur in life. Over the last few years anger seems to have come out of the woodwork somehow with road rage, riots, violence against the police, ambulance crews, medical staff in hospitals and the fire service all when these very people are trying to help out. Anger against MPs, councillors and many professionals, teachers, workers and just about everyone. And where does it get us? Blood pressure, heart attacks, stress.

Surely as Christians we are people of peace? People who will listen to genuine concerns and upsets of others and do our best to understand. But surely, we are peace makers, are we not? Does not Jesus say that Blessed are the peace makers?

Cry out about injustice, cry out about the way in which the creation is being treated, cry out for peace on the planet, cry out about abuse and torture, march, protest and email your MP or councillor. Yet let us not forget that we are people of peace.

If you are feeling angry then count to 10, talk to someone (not shout) and get help if you feel you need it or you might like to say this prayer from the Northumbrian Community –

*Calm me O Lord as you stilled the storm
Still me O Lord
Keep me from harm
Let al, the tumult within in me cease
Enfold me Lord in your peace.
Amen*

Prayers of Intercession by Nat Stiles, Trainee Youth Minister

Your kingdom come; **your will be done.**

Father, we pray for your Holy Spirit to guide us, as we follow your will in our lives. Forgive us when we have turned a blind eye or a deaf ear to your call, help us to be willing to answer, and not run the other way, strengthened by the power of your message.

Your kingdom come; **your will be done.**

Father, you are slow to anger and rich in love, let us delight in sharing your good news to each generation. We pray they will know your mighty and wonderful works, and praise our God of endless love, power, and glorious splendour,

as we praise your name for ever and ever.

Your kingdom come; **your will be done.**

Father, we thank you for your gift of grace, in our lives.

Help us to remember that your gift of heaven is through your grace alone, and not a reward for our good behaviour or position, but a sign of your generosity and forgiveness.

Help us to think less of ourselves and more of others, never looking down on our neighbours unless we are helping them up, seeing your image in those around us.

We praise the reassurance of your grace.

Your kingdom come; **your will be done.**

Father, as we stand firm in the Lord and rejoice in you always, we pray for the God of peace to be with all who need our prayers.

All who are ill, in hospitals, home or wherever they may be,

We pray for the recently departed, and all those whose hearts have been saddened by death, surround them with your tenderness and support them in your everlasting arms.

Calming God bring courage, tender Spirit bring peace, and gentle Jesus, be close to all.

Your kingdom come; **your will be done.**

Wednesday Worship

Preparation

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

Amen.

Our help is in the name of the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

*A period of silence for reflection on the past day may follow.
The following or other suitable words of penitence may be used*

**Most merciful God,
we confess to you,
before the whole company of heaven and one another,
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed
and in what we have failed to do.
Forgive us our sins,
heal us by your Spirit
and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.**

○ God, make speed to save us.

○ **Lord, make haste to help us.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

The following or another suitable hymn may be said or sung

**Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That you, with steadfast love, would keep
Your watch around us while we sleep.**

**From evil dreams defend our sight,
From fears and terrors of the night;
Tread underfoot our deadly foe
That we no sinful thought may know.**

**○ Father, that we ask be done
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son;
And Holy Spirit, by whose breath
Our souls are raised to life from death.**

Either

Collect Prayer and readings for the day (see current Pewsheet)

Or

Psalm 16

1 Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge; *
I have said to the Lord, 'You are my lord,
all my good depends on you.'

2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble in heart.

3 Though the idols are legion that many run after, *
their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,
neither make mention of their names upon my lips.

4 The Lord himself is my portion and my cup; *
in your hands alone is my fortune.

5 My share has fallen in a fair land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

6 I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel, *
and in the night watches he instructs my heart.

7 I have set the Lord always before me; *
he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.

8 Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; *
my flesh also shall rest secure.

9 For you will not abandon my soul to Death, *
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.

10 You will show me the path of life;
in your presence is the fullness of joy *
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.*

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Scripture Reading – I Peter 5.8-9

Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil is prowling round like a roaring lion, seeking for someone to devour. Resist him, strong in the faith.

The following responsory may be said

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.

I commend my spirit.

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit.

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Gospel Cantic

The Nunc dimittis (The Song of Simeon) is said or sung

**Save us, O Lord, while waking,
and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ
and asleep may rest in peace.**

1 Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: *
your word has been fulfilled.

2 My own eyes have seen the salvation *
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;

3 A light to reveal you to the nations *
and the glory of your people Israel.

Luke 2.29-32

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**Save us, O Lord, while waking,
and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ
and asleep may rest in peace.**

Prayers

Intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered here.

The Collect

Keep watch, dear Lord,
with those who wake, or watch, or weep this night,
and give your angels charge over those who sleep.
Tend the sick,
give rest to the weary,
sustain the dying,
calm the suffering,
and pity the distressed;
all for your love's sake, O Christ our Redeemer.

Amen.

Silence may be kept.

Visit this place, O Lord, we pray,
and drive far from it the snares of the enemy;
may your holy angels dwell with us and guard us in peace,
and may your blessing be always upon us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Conclusion

In peace we will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,
for the night is at hand and the day is now past.

As the night watch looks for the morning,
so do we look for you, O Christ.

The Lord bless us and watch over us;
the Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious to us;
the Lord look kindly on us and give us peace.

Amen.

Praying Alone

Praying Together

Daily Prayer This Week

Morning Prayer is streamed live on Facebook at 8.30am from Monday to Friday, and is available after that on Facebook and the website.



Readings & Collect Prayer for Daily Prayer in the coming week

Day	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday 21 September <i>Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</i>	Psalm 49 2 Timothy 3.14-end	Psalm 119.33-40, 89-96 1 Kings 19.15-end
Tuesday 22 September	Psalm 36 Acts 16.25-end	Psalm 33 1 Kings 8.63-9.9
Wednesday 23 September	Psalm 34 Acts 17.1-15	Psalm 119.33-56 1 Kings 10.1-25
Thursday 24 September	Psalm 37 Acts 17.16-end	Psalm 40 1 Kings 11.1-13
Friday 25 September	Psalm 31 Acts 18.1-21	Psalm 35 1 Kings 11.26-end
Saturday 26 September	Psalm 42 Acts 18.22-19.7	Psalm 46 1 Kings 12.1-24

Collect

**Lord God,
defend your church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

News from the Team

50th Anniversary of Ordination

Congratulations to Reverend Canon Michael Wilson who was ordained priest on 20th September 1970. Canon Michael was ordained at Southwell Minster by the Bishop of Sherwood, the Right Reverend Kenneth Thompson. Michael served a curacy at Worksop Priory before taking up positions in Worcester Diocese and Leicester Diocese. In Leicester Michael held the posts of Vicar of the Parish of St Anne, Team Rector of the Ascension Team, and Canon Treasurer of Leicester Cathedral. Michael and Beryl retired to Oakham but he remains active in ministry in the Dioceses of Peterborough and Leicester.

Congratulations on your special anniversary Michael, and thank you for your continued support for the ministry here in the Oakham Team.

Stephen

Traidcraft

It is pleasing to report that as the stall is continuing to run in the background sales are still buoyant with August's amounting to £127.93 - slightly up on July's figure which is great. My thanks as ever to all of you who continue to support the amazing work Traidcraft are continuing to do. I will shortly have supplies of the new Autumn/Winter catalogue which if you are not aware of all the wonderful things Traidcraft has to offer would be a good introduction. Please do get in touch for one or indeed just to order some tea/coffee

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Garden Volunteers wanted

Launde Abbey are seeking volunteers to work in the garden and grounds Can you spare one day a week? If you have gardening skills they will be welcome, if not they will be developed. You would be working outdoors in a marvellous, enjoyable environment with a small, dedicated team of staff and volunteers. For details and to apply contact Helen, on 01572 718803, or speak to Richard Plummer 01572 720505

Theatre programmes

Gordon Woods has a collection of over 60 London Theatre programmes dating from 1950 – 1999. Please contact Gordon on 755371 if they would be of interest to you in return for a donation to the church.

Ordination of Simon Aley

Simon will be ordained Deacon by the Bishop of Brixworth, the Right Revd John Holbrook, at Peterborough Cathedral on 26 September at noon. The service will take place in private due to Covid restrictions. We look forward to Simon joining the team as assistant curate. Simon's first service at Oakham will be on the 27 September at 10.30am. His first service at Langham will be on 4 October at 10.30am

Team Walk

September 24th at 10:30am

The six mile walk will start from Seaton Road Uppingham. A picnic will be required. To get to the start turn left at the traffic lights with the Harley Davidson garage/petrol station on the left. After 400 metres take the third exit at the roundabout on to Seaton Road. There is ample parking. Everyone welcome for further details contact Liz or Richard Plummer
01572 720506

Music at lunchtime

Oakham School's series of weekly lunchtime recitals will resume in the School's Chapel every week from Wednesday 9 September onwards. For safety reasons, these will initially only be for an internal School audience, but video recordings of every recital will be uploaded 24 hours later to the School's website here: bit.ly/oakhammusic

Foodbank Update for Rutland Churches and Key Partners August 2020

I'm pleased to share another update from the Rutland Foodbank as we've been dealing with the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on those experiencing food poverty.

As many of you will know we are still unable to welcome back our over 70s volunteers. This is due to difficulties in ensuring we can provide them with safe working spaces as per the Government Guidance. We miss the experience and

support they give but I'm sure you understand that the trustees have a duty of care to ensure we don't risk individual safety.

We continue our operations from the new Oakham premises (36 Melton Road) and we are still open on Monday and Friday mornings 10.30 - 12.00 to receive donations and enquiries. At the present time we do not feel that we can re-start our drop-in sessions either at our premises in Oakham or at Uppingham Church.

Our links with Citizens Advice Rutland (CAR) are strong and we continue to have support from Rutland County Council (RCC). They have both helped by adopting the Trussell Trust electronic referral system as we are now operating with eVouchers. The CAR team (01572 723494) are also able to support and signpost to other services such as benefits and or debt management as needed. We encourage new and returning clients to speak to them for advice and assessment.

Our referral numbers have increased, since April 1st we have received over 300 referrals. We anticipate they will continue to rise especially as the economic impact of the pandemic begins to emerge. We are looking to expand the number of electronic referrers – if your church or organisation is interested please contact us – our details are at the end of this letter.

The doorstep delivery service is currently supported by Oakham School volunteers but as the school begins its

new term we are looking at ways we can continue deliveries. The delivery service has enabled us to reach more Rutland residents, particularly those in rural villages. We continue to provide 7-Day food packs and are including out more fresh foods. We also have the capability for ad-hoc rapid response food pack deliveries.

We are fortunate that our food and toiletries donations have held up well, our supermarket collection points are still available. Our warehouse is well stocked at the moment but please keep an eye on our Facebook page for our shortages (Did you know that you don't need to be a Facebook user to see our posts here's the link https://www.facebook.com/pg/rutland.foodbank/posts/?ref=page_internal)

At the moment we would welcome crackers and rice cakes for lunches. We also need men's shaving foam and deodorant. We also need washing pods (preferably non-bio which is more suitable for laundering children's clothing).

We are pleased to continue receiving financial donations from small to quite large. These have come from individuals, local and national business and from some amazing fundraising efforts.

The RCC /Voluntary Action Rutland Community Collection Scheme which brings in donations from local villages is working well and is a great example of partnership working. It is enabling village residents to make donations without travelling unnecessarily.

We continue to develop and strengthen our networks and connection via online meetings and the RCC Voluntary, Community & Faith (VCF) group sharing best practice, national and local initiatives and concerns. The group is looking at the next steps as the lockdown eases, in the next 3-9 months and the following year or two is unknown so this group is proving a vital forum for us to work together to maintain local services.

If you have any queries or need to signpost anyone please contact info@rutland.foodbank.org.uk or the foodbank mobile 07582 783363

Ali Wainwright

Chair Rutland Foodbank

Oakham Christian Meditation Group

We are an ecumenical group of Christians who meditate weekly throughout the year on Wednesday at 6.00/6.30 pm. The group met formerly at the chapel of St John & St Anne but Covid restrictions prohibit this at present so Stephen Griffiths has kindly agreed that the group may hold their meetings in The Lady Chapel, All Saints Church from Wednesday, 2nd September, 2020. All are welcome. Please wear a mask and follow social distancing. *Please contact Marjorie on marjorieport46@gmail.com 07753870151 for more information.*

Church Family News

If you have any news which you would like to share with the church family through the pewsheets please phone the office 724007 or email notices@oakhamteam.org.uk. The deadline each week for the pewsheets is Tuesday evening.

Keeping in Touch

I am usually at home at my desk Wednesdays 2pm-4pm and happy to take calls if you would like to share news and chat. Please feel free to call 869483. *Stephen*

Resources for Worship

During this time when we cannot worship together in church, there are a number of alternatives available:

- The Oakham Team Facebook page, where one of the ministry team will lead a live stream of **Morning Prayer at 8.30am** on weekdays and **Holy Communion or Morning Prayer at 10.30am on Sundays**. These will also be available on the Team website, together with the service sheet and Weekly Pewsheets;
- ROOTS (who produce the resources our Sunday School uses) have a weekly 'Live your Faith' page with prayers and reflections on the set readings, and this will be available on request. ROOTS also produce a weekly Children's Sheet which will be available as a separate sheet. They can also be found on the website with the pewsheets.
- The Church of England has an online resources page at <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online>, including Easter Pilgrim and Time to Pray (see below).
- **Daily Hope Phone Line.** Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. A Church of England initiative in partnership with CONNECTIONS at Holy Trinity Claygate, and Faith in Later Life. The line – which is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044 – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind. Options available include materials also available digitally by the Church of England's Communications team such as Prayer During the Day and Night Prayer updated daily, from Common Worship, and a recording of the Church of England weekly national online service. A section called Hymn Line offers callers a small selection of hymns, updated daily. An option entitled 'Hymns We Love', provides a hymn and reflection and is based on an initiative by the Connections group.
- **Compline** David Perril continues a weekly online service of Compline, which continues this Wednesday at 8.30pm on Facebook.