

MASS TEXTS PROPER TO TODAY'S OBSERVANCE

Reflection prior to Mass

Every Sunday, Christians celebrate the 'Day of the Lord', It commemorates the resurrection of the Lord, but it also looks forward to the great 'Day of the Lord' when he will establish his kingdom and lead his people into his great Sabbath rest. Today, in our liturgy, we look forward especially to that 'Day of the Lord'.

The Collect

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (SIT)

The First Reading

Malachi 3: 19-20
 SMSG Reader: Keith Hindley Old Testament Page 802
 All Saints Reader: Rita Oakley

The Responsorial Psalm

(from Psalm 34)

**R/. The Lord comes to rule
 the peoples with fairness.**

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp
 with the sound of music.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn
 acclaim the King, the Lord. ®

Let the sea and all within it, thunder;
 the world, and all its peoples.
 Let the rivers clap their hands
 and the hills ring out their joy
 at the presence of the Lord. ®

For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth.
 He will rule the world with justice
 and the peoples with fairness. ®

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 3: 7-12
 Reader: Lesley Salter New Testament Page 175

Gospel Acclamation

(STAND)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Look up and raise your heads,
 because your redemption is drawing near.
Alleluia!

The Gospel

Luke 21:5-19
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The Prayer of the Faithful

(Biddings: Dai Evans)

Priest: My brothers and sisters let us pray to our gracious
 God who is the fountain of all wisdom.

Intercessor: We pray for all Christian people; for N. our
 Bishop, and for all who teach and guard the faith..... May
 the message of Christ dwell richly in our hearts, and knit
 us together in the bond of your love.

V/. Lord, hear us.
 R/. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for the leaders of the nations, and for those in
 authority under them....Give them the gift of your wis-
 dom, and a right discernment in all things.

We pray for our Parish and the wider community in
 which we are set; for those who live and work here, and
 for those who visit this place..... Speak your word of
 peace in our midst, and help us to serve one another as
 Christ has served us.

We pray for those who do not believe, for those who
 long for your love and forgiveness..... Open their ears to
 hear your voice, and open their hearts to the knowledge
 of your love in Christ.

We pray for those bowed down with grief, fear or sick-
 ness...Fiddy Abraham, Andrea, Anna Archer, Henry Blake,
 Shirley Brown, Steve Cooper, Liz Halliwell, Jane Holman,
 William Leese, Terry Mason, Sue Maton, Pete, Tony Oak-
 ley, Shirley Scrutton, Wendy, Diane West, Marian Wright...
 May Christ bring comfort and healing to all those in need.

We pray for the souls of those who have died...Margaret
 Hooton, Joan Short, Melvyn Woodhouse... and for all
 whose anniversary of death occurs during this week...**13th**
 Bill Gibbs; **14th** Joyce Young, Robert Read, Peter Buck-
 nell; **15th** Rose Eglesfield; **16th** Elizabeth Godfrey, Ronald
 Blundell; **17th** Thomas French, Jean Edwards; **18th** Eleanor
 Perceval, Stanley Luckett, Cecil West; **19th** Ethel Good-
 man, Wyn Prendergast, Grace Bazeley...and from the
 Great War: Corporal Noel Bramwell Hall. May they may
 enjoy the radiant dawn of eternal life.

✠ Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.
And let light perpetual shine upon them.

In silence we pray for our needs and concerns

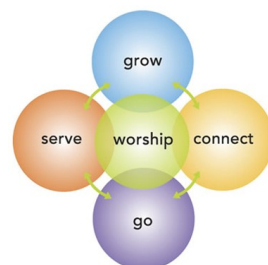
Priest: Father all-powerful, we bring our needs before
 you, and pray confidently for your help and mercy,
 through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Reflection:

One who lived in days in which the spirit of Christians
 was tried and who sought to confirm his brothers and
 sisters in their faith wrote: 'the word of God will give the
 messengers an unerring insight into human nature. The
 disciples are not expected to show fear of men, nor mal-
 ice, nor mistrust, still less a sour misanthropy nor a gulli-
 ble credulity that believes there is good in every one.
 They are expected rather to display an unerring insight
 into the mutual relation of the word and man. If they are
 content not to pitch their hopes too high, they will not be
 perturbed when Jesus warns them that their way among
 men will be one of suffering. But the suffering will help
 forward their testimony. Because the disciples remain
 true to the word in their sufferings, the word will remain
 true to them. (Dietrich Bonhoeffer)



THE PARISH NEWSLETTER
THE 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY 13th November AD 2016



*Welcome to the Parish Church where,
 after the example of the early church,
 we celebrate the Eucharist:
 the "apostles teaching and fellowship,
 the breaking of bread"*

Each one of us can put the following simple question to ourselves
 this morning: 'How would I fare if I were called before the judgment
 seat of God today?' The best of us would certainly prefer to be bet-
 ter prepared. There is so much good I have left undone, so many
 faults for which I have not atoned properly, so many uncharitable
 thoughts about my friends and neighbours in my mind, so many acts
 of charity I kept postponing, so many acts of thanksgiving and praise
 I have not made to my loving God.

What of those who have even more serious sins on their
 consciences? There are estimates that over two hundred thousand
 people leave this life each day across this small blue globe hanging
 in the darkness of space. If we were called, and we have no guaran-
 tee that we will not be called today, could we dare to face our judg-
 ment in our present state? Each morning the Church bids us pray
 Psalm 95 at the beginning of Morning Prayer: "Today if you hear
 God's voice harden not your heart." Today we will hear Him speak to
 us in the Scriptures. He reminds us that your end is coming, that we
 should put your spiritual accounts in order. This is an act of God's
 mercy. He does not need us, rather it is us who need Him. Our eter-
 nal future depends on whether we listen to His call today, as tomor-
 row may be too late. We can put your accounts straight this very
 day. Why take a risk with our own eternal welfare?

The Christian who wants to die in the state of grace, that is, in
 the friendship of God (and can there be any real Christian who would
 not want to?) has but one way of making sure of this: to try to live
 always in God's friendship. Those who do this by living the Christian
 life daily need not fear death. It may be a sudden death, but it will
 never be an unprovided for death.



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TODAY: 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:30am PARISH MASS at St Mary & St Giles
11:00am FAMILY MASS at All Saints
3:00pm Act of Remembrance
at the War Memorial, Horsefair Green

Pray for: Our Parish

Monday: Feria

9:30am 'Squeals on Wheels' in Parish Hall
 8:00pm Bell Ringing Practice
 12:30pm School Merger Meeting at the Civic Offices
Pray for: the Sick, Housebound and Disabled

Tuesday: St Albert the Great, Bishop, Doctor

10:30am Mass at All Saints + 'Elevenses'
Pray for: those preparing for Ordination

Wednesday: St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop

2:00pm The Fellowship meets in the Parish Hall
 2:00pm MK New Communities Group Meeting
 6:30pm Handbell Ringing Practice at SMSG School
 7:15pm The Band - Practice at SMSG School
 7:30pm SMSG School - Full Governors' Meeting
7:30pm Mass at St Mary & St Giles
Pray for: the unity of all Christians

Thursday: St Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop

10:30am Mass at St Mary & St Giles
 12:30pm Lunchtime Concert at SMSG
 7:30pm Parochial Church Council in the Parish Hall
Pray for: The Diocese of Lincoln

Friday: Feria

8:00am Mass at St Mary & St Giles School
 12:00n Society of the Holy Cross Chapter Meeting
 7:30pm Parish Singers Rehearsal
Pray for: World Leaders

Saturday: Feria

7:30pm Parish Quiz Night at SMSG School
Pray for: Visitors to our Parish Churches

NEXT SUNDAY: OUR LORD JESUS CHRISIT, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

9:30am PARISH MASS at St Mary & St Giles
11:00am FAMILY MASS at All Saints
 5:00pm Ordination of Fr Benjamin Drury
Pray for: Our Parish

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY:

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 5: 1-3 ~ Psalm: 122 (part)
 2nd Reading: Colossians 1: 12-20
 Gospel: Luke 23: 35-43

Sidesmen Team 2 Altar Servers Team 4
Offertory Gary & Claire Stilton
Cleaning Team - 2 Gardening Team 2

Worshipping Numbers last Sunday: ?
Weekday Worshipping Numbers (w/e 5th Nov): ?

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Parish Hall Booking Secretary: Nicola Crompton

INFORMATION

The Order of Mass is on the laminated card. The references to the Scripture Readings, which may be either listened to or followed in the Bibles provided, along with the Psalm and the Prayer of the Faithful are also included in this Sheet. Hymns are unannounced but are indicated on the boards towards the front of the Nave.



Large Print Orders of Service are available at St Mary & St Giles. Please ask a Sidesman or Sideswoman for a copy.



A Loop System is in operation at St Mary & St Giles - please set hearing aids to the "T" position.



Access for the Disabled at St Mary & St Giles is via the path on the north side of the church. **At All Saints** it is via the South Porch.



Gluten-Free Hosts: if you are on a Gluten-Free diet and would like a Gluten-Free Host when you receive Holy Communion please mention this before Mass to one of the Sidesmen who will arrange this for you. Please make yourself known to the Parish Priest so that he is aware of your need.



Collections: for the continuing mission of Christ are taken while the altar and gifts of bread and wine are being prepared. If you are a visitor and a taxpayer and would like to make a donation please use the Gift Aid envelopes provided at the end of each row - please fill in your details. This enables us to reclaim, from the Inland Revenue, 25p for each £1 donated.



We observe a period of quiet prayer and reflection before the celebration of Mass, between the end of the Organ Voluntary and the Sacristy Bell being rung, in order that we may be better prepared to worship almighty God.



Reception of Holy Communion: All Baptised and Confirmed Christians are encouraged to receive Holy Communion. If you are unwell or uncertain about receiving the Precious Blood please do still receive the Host. Our Chalice Assistants are not authorised to permit the intincting (dipping) of the Host.



Please join us at the back of church for tea or coffee after Mass. A priest will be near the main door shortly after the end of Mass should you need to talk with one.



Please take this Service Sheet home with you and use as part of your devotions during the week.



PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES



All Saints Heating: The PCC has taken a step of faith in committing itself to this project's completion and in seeking additional donations/fundraising to achieve a greater amount in All Saints' Restoration Fund. Prior to the PCC meeting offers of generous donations had already been received and since the PCC Meeting there has been an offer of a monthly donation towards the new system's running costs. If anyone wishes to make a donation or run a fundraising event to benefit All Saints Restoration Fund the PCC would be very grateful.

The Rector met with the heating company that will be installing the new system ten days ago. There was some unexpectedly good, news in that the current system will not need to be disconnected until the new system is up and running, so we shall not be without heat on Sundays.

Weekend Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham: following the last two years' successful pilgrimages we have once again booked to go to the Shrine. In 2017 we shall be going on the weekend of Friday 18th - Sunday 20th August. Leaflets with Booking Forms are available in both our PARISH Churches for those who wish to book a place. The deposit is £30 to be paid at the time of booking (if paying by cheque please make them payable to 'The PCC of Stony Stratford with Calverton.' It would be really helpful if all booking forms and deposits could be placed in an envelope marked 'Walsingham 2017' and given to the Rector.

If you have never been to Walsingham before this is the best introduction you can get as it gives time and space to experience both the ministry of the Shrine to us as Pilgrims and time to ourselves for taking a step out of the normal routine of life into a place of peace and deeper realisation of God's presence. If you would like to know more please see Fr Ross, Sister Janet or any of those who were on pilgrimage this year.

The Works of Mercy...

We continue a series of brief articles considering the works of mercy. Over the past seven weeks we have been considering the Corporal Works of Mercy; from this week we begin to consider the Spiritual Works of Mercy. Let us pray that we may be a merciful people.

1. To instruct the ignorant; 2. to counsel the doubtful; 3. to admonish sinners; 4. to bear wrongs patiently; 5. to forgive offences willingly; 6. to comfort the afflicted; 7. to pray for the living and the dead.

1 To instruct the ignorant

The first spiritual work of mercy is to "instruct the ignorant." Biblically speaking, this action comes directly from Jesus when He instructs His apostles,

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19-20)

This applies to us today as much as it did in the first century. While much of the world has heard about Jesus Christ, most are ignorant of what Jesus actually taught. This is due to many factors, including the numerous false interpretations of the Gospels. What doesn't help is the fact that we are sheep. We follow blindly whatever the culture tells us, or even some heretical parish priest's preaching on a Sunday. I well recall a lady asking me during my curacy why it was that she could always find a priest to tell her what she wanted to hear. Of course, that is not the priest's duty, rather he is to preach "the faith once delivered to the saints" (Jude 1: 3). False teaching, or heresy, means that many in our world do not have the fullness of the Faith.

However, this does not give everyone a mandate to instruct those they know in the intricacies of Church teaching. We must be careful, as we could be instructing our fellow neighbour in falsehood, when we think we are giving them truth. Above all things we must remember that Jesus gave His "apostles" the direct mandate to "teach." Bishops are called to

Light's Switch On Day: is less than a week away. As usual we shall be holding our annual Christmas Fayre. Please do consider helping to set up and/or clear away on the Friday or Saturday. A list of stalls etc needing help is posted on the free-standing noticeboard in St Mary & St Giles and even if you can only spare one hour that help would be very much appreciated for every hour offered by each of us will soon add up to a marvellous effort.

This year we are holding a 'Grand Raffle' with a major first prize and four other good prizes. We need your help to sell as many tickets as possible. This raffle if we sold all the tickets could make over £4000 for EACH Restoration Fund at St Mary & St Giles & at All Saints. Our Treasurer may have already launched this during the Rector's autumn break, but as many as can help the better. Would you be willing to sell tickets from a stall outside the church in the High Street on a Saturday morning? If you are able to help please have a word with David Williams, Hazel Wallis or Sister Janet who are organising this between our churches. Thank you.

Remembrance Sunday Collection: I have been asked to relay the news that the collection at last Sunday's Act of Remembrance raised £411.19, which was an increase of over £30 on the previous year. Attendance was estimated to be over 350.

Grand Christmas Draw: As everyone leaves Church this morning they will be given a bundle of 10 books of raffle tickets for this draw which has a first prize of £1000 which will be drawn at the end of the Carol Service at All Saints on the 18th December. If we manage to sell all the tickets we shall raise £10,000 and the profits will be divided equally between both our Parish Churches Restoration Funds. We ask that everyone participates and seeks to sell tickets to those they know.

We would also appreciate it if we could have volunteers to sell tickets between 9:30am and 12:00noon on Saturdays between now and the 18th December outside the High Street Door.

Extra supplies of tickets are available this morning for those who want to try and sell larger quantities, and if you run out extra tickets can be obtained from Hazel Wallis at St Mary & St Giles and from Sister Janet at All Saints. Please could all sold ticket stubs with names, addresses and 'phone numbers of purchasers on them be handed in to the same people along with monies from sales.

Local Council rules allow us to hold any number of these raffles and to raise up to £250,000 in any given year. This has the potential to enable us to raise much larger sums for our Restoration Funds which maintain the Fabric of the Church and fund special projects.

Vacancy for a Hall Caretaker/Booking Secretary: After four years of dedicated work Nicola Crompton has decided that it is time to hand over this role to another person. The Rector and Churchwardens are very grateful to her for all her hard work over this period and to Chris, who has been roped into assist regularly.

The Churchwardens, Louise and Kieran, are keen to appoint a successor and would be grateful if any who are interested in the position would see them as soon as possible. This post comes with a modest remuneration.

Sound System: The Rector asked for help with the sound system at St Mary & St Giles some months ago for several weeks, but there were no volunteers. While he was away, and because he has been dealing with it for months no one switched it on or put the lectern microphone out. The lack of amplification meant that there were several complaints. It is to be hoped that this encourages volunteers to come forward. Full training for what is a very simple system to operate will be given and if we had 8 or 9 volunteers we could then have a rota so that the duties were spread over a two month period rather than one person doing this every week. Please do consider this, and see the Rector or Churchwardens if you would be willing to join a rota. Thank you.

FUTURE DIARY DATES

Sunday 13th November
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
9:30am Parish Mass
11:00am Family Mass
3:00pm Act of Remembrance
at the War Memorial

Monday 14th November
12:30pm School Merger
Meeting

Wednesday 16th November
2:00pm The Fellowship
A talk by Ray & Jenny
on their holiday in Morocco
with slides
7:30pm SMSG School
Governors' Meeting

Thursday 17th November
7:30pm Parochial Church
Council Meeting

Saturday 19th November
7:30pm Parish Quiz Night
at SMSG School

Friday 25th November
1:00pm Volunteers please to
set up for the Christmas Fayre

Saturday 26th November
10:00 - 17:00 Christmas Fayre
at St Mary & St Giles

Sunday 27th November
Advent Sunday
9:30am Parish Mass
11:00am Family Mass
6:00pm Advent Service of
Light at St Mary & St Giles

Wednesday 7th December
12:30pm School Merger
Meeting

Saturday 10th December
MK Youth Choir Concert
at St Mary & St Giles

Mon 12th - Fri 16th Dec
Nativity Plays and rehearsals
at St Mary & St Giles
Details to be announced

Tuesday 13th December
Archdeacon of Bucks at All
Saints for Mass and then a
tour of the Parish and lunch
with the Rector

Wednesday 14th
Fellowship Christmas Lunch

Thursday 15th December
12:30pm Lunchtime Concert