



PEW NEWS

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Sunday 20th September – 15th Sunday after Trinity

Parish Communion – 9am

Family Service – 10.30am

Readings: Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6,37-end;

Philippians 1:21-end; **Matthew 20:1-16**

Sunday 27th September – 16th Sunday after Trinity

Parish Communion – 9am

Family Service – 10.30am

Readings: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4,12-16;

Philippians 2:1-13; **Matthew 21:23-32**

What's coming up

Harvest Festival (with Scarecrow Festival) - 3rd & 4th October

Thought for the Week

Saints,

If you are a sports fan you can relate to the last verse of this week's gospel passage where it says 'So the last will be first, and the first will be last.' Why do I say this? Well if your team has ever lost a match with a 94th minute injury time winner, then you feel pretty aggrieved. If it was a winner scored in the 14th minute it would feel different, but in the 94th it is a whole other set of different feelings.

When someone commits their life to Christ, even if it is on their deathbed and they will be with Jesus in heaven for all eternity. This is a time for celebration and not for feeling aggrieved that they have lived a life that they wanted and got in at the last minute. Whereas there are other Christians who have been Christians their whole life and worked hard to further the Kingdom and they will be with Jesus for all eternity as well.

For some this won't seem fair but that is because we think that the world still has got more to offer in the way of fun than the Kingdom of God, but they are wrong and in fact it is the person who just committed their life to Christ who will feel aggrieved that they didn't do it before. Something to think about! Dan.

News and Notices

- **Scarecrow Festival** – We are planning to have an outdoor display of Scarecrows for our Harvest Weekend. (Socially distanced of course). All are invited to make a scarecrow to display in the churchyard. Please let Christine or Revd Dan know if you are going to make one. Scarecrows to be brought to church on Fri 2nd October between 3pm – 6pm please.
- **Birthdays** – Congratulations to Jacob on becoming a teenager this week.
- **Parish Giving Scheme** – We have joined the Parish Giving Scheme which is a new way of giving to the church. We will continue to run all the ways we currently give to the church, but this scheme will help with administrative workload of giving. For more information please speak to Rev Dan or Christine.
- **Contactless Giving** – We will be trialling over the next 12 months contactless giving. Usual giving by cash will continue but we as a church are adapting to the current climate of the restricted use of cash during the coronavirus pandemic.
- **Birthdays** – Congratulations to Jacob on becoming a teenager this week and also to Brenda for her birthday this coming week.
- **The APCM** will now be held on the 7th October at 7:30pm in church.

Prayers for those known to us in need of prayer at this time:

Felicity, John B,. All of our church family who are currently unable to join us in worship.

Collect for the 15th Sunday after Trinity

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.

Post Communion Collect

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers

Monday – For those in our church family who are isolating.

Tuesday – For all the people in our parish who have lost their jobs.

Wednesday – For St. James church and our response to the pandemic.

Thursday – For the government's negotiations with the EU.

Friday – For the vision and the mission of our church.

Saturday – For those suffering with mental health.

Sunday – For the other churches in Aylesbury.

Every day we will pray at 11am, the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of Oxford have asked us to say Psalm 23 and to pray the Lord's Prayer as part of our prayers.