

Cream Tea & Croquet at the Rectory

Thursday 15th August, 4.00–6.00 pm

A relaxed afternoon in the Rectory garden. Croquet and other sports completely optional! Limited places – please sign up on the clipboard at the back of church.

Bible Reading Fellowship

The latest BRF has arrived and can be found in the pigeon hole at the back of church. Subscribers please ensure that you take your copy home with you.

prayercourse.org

The prayer course we've been running this term is available online. Pete Greig (the author of the course) has also written a book on prayer with the title "How To Pray" – highly recommended!

We need your consent!

We are updating our church address book to ensure that it complies with data protection regulations and need your consent to stay in touch with you! Thank you to those of you who have responded to our email of 3rd July headed up 'Consent Request'. If you have not opened the email yet, please 'Review and grant consent'. Alternatively, you can do this after church today by talking to Victoria, Samantha or Kathy. They can also answer any questions you may have.

Summer Movies at St Mark's:

Wednesday, 7 Aug, 4-6pm

Join us to watch the family film "Paddington 2" (PG-rated). All welcome. Popcorn and soft drinks will be provided. Suggested donation per person: £1.

Joan Rusiecki

Joan was a regular member of our Thursday morning congregation. Her funeral service will be at Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham on Tuesday, 6 August at 12.30pm and the church family are invited to attend.

WEEKLY DIARY

Tuesday 6th August

No service with discussion group *St Francis*

Wednesday 7th August

4-6pm Summer Movies 'Paddington 2' *St Mark's*

Thursday 8th August

10.00am Holy Communion. BCP. *Vestry*

With me, God is with me

Yes, He's with me every step
With me, God is with me
Yes, He's with me every step
And I know God is with me every step I go
Yes, I know God is with me every step

With you, God is with you
Yes, He's with you every step
With you, God is with you
Yes, He's with you every step
And I know God is with you every step you go
Yes, I know God is with you every step

*I know the love of God is with me every day
Every step I take
He will lead me on into his perfect plan
Walking hand in hand*

With us, God is with us
Yes, He's with us every step
With us, God is with us
Yes, He's with us every step
And I know God is with us every step we go
Yes I know God is with us every step

I know the love of God...

Thank you! from Christoph and Edda

Thank you for all your good wishes for our silver wedding anniversary! We are so thankful for God's faithfulness throughout our married life and to be part of this church family!



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Weekly News Sheet

4th August 2019

7th Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to church! If you are here for the first time or visiting, please say hello to the service leader or a member of the welcome team so we can welcome you personally. During the 10.30 service there is Sunday club for children. If your child is under three or if you would like to help him/her settle, you are welcome to join in.
Christoph Lindner, Rector

Psalm 73, part 6 of 6: NOTHING BUT YOU

Psalm 73: 24–28

24 You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory. 25 Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. 26 My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. 27 Those who are far from you will perish; you destroy all who are unfaithful to you. 28 But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign LORD my refuge; I will tell of all your deeds.

The psalmist breaks through. "Whom have I in heaven but you?" (verse 25) means "If I don't have you I have nothing—nothing else will satisfy or last." We rightly want to be reunited with loved ones in heaven. What makes heaven heaven, however, is that God is there. Those who have gone before are not looking down at us fondly but rather are caught up in a never-ending fountain of joy, delight, and adoration. Augustine writes: "God alone is the place of peace that cannot be disturbed—and He will not withhold Himself from your love unless you withhold your love from him." Life in glory with God (verse 24) will suffice for the healing of all wounds, the answering of all questions. Jesus has promised.

Prayer

Lord, I thank you for how suffering drives me like a nail deeper into your love. It is not my earthly joys but my griefs that show me your grace is enough. "I live to show your power, who once did bring first my joys to weep, and now my griefs to sing." Amen.

(From: Tim Keller, My Rock and My Refuge)

Worship today



4th August 2019

7th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion St Mary's

Sidesman: Carlene Litchmore

Reader: Stephen Barrett

Readings: Romans 6. 19-end

Mark 8. 1-10a

9.55-10.00am Pre-Service Prayer

St Mary's, front of church

10.30am Morning Worship St Mary's:

WISDOM TO LIVE BY (part 1)

Sidesteam:

Sylvia Gammond & Cheryl Webb

Readings and Readers:

1 Cor 6: 12-20 Carlene Litchmore

John 8:1-11 Robin Doran

Prayers: Clergy

Sunday Club Leader: Edda Lindner

Collect

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BAPTISM OF PENELOPE REY LOUTSIS

Presentation of the Candidate

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome Penelope and uphold her in her new life?
With the help of God we will.

Profession of Faith

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Baptism

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ, against sin, the world, and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

The Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: Penelope, by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.

1 Cor 6. 12-20

¹² 'All things are lawful for me', but not all things are beneficial. 'All things are lawful for me', but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³ Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food', and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴ And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. ¹⁵ Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶ Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, 'The two shall be one flesh.' ¹⁷ But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸ Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. ¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰ For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

John 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. ² Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him and he sat down and began to teach them. ³ The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before all of them, ⁴ they said to him, 'Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. ⁵ Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?' ⁶ They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. ⁷ When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, 'Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.' ⁸ And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. ⁹ When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. ¹⁰ Jesus straightened up and said to her, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' ¹¹ She said, 'No one, sir.' And Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Worship next week



11th August 2019

8th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion St Mary's

Sidesman: Philip Constable

Reader: Roger Gage

Readings: Romans 8. 12-17

Matt. 7.15-21

9.55-10.00am Pre-Service Prayer

St Mary's, front of church

10.30am Sung Communion St Mary's:

WISDOM TO LIVE BY (part 2)

Sidesteam:

Maurice Litchmore & Sharon Williams

Readings and Readers:

Deut 6:4-9 Sharon Williams

Mat 11.25-30 Carole Wadlow

Prayers: Carole Wadlow

Servers: Carlene Litchmore & Clergy

Sunday Club Leader: Edda Lindner

In your prayers this week, please remember **Jo Beal, Sean Ryde and Christine Willson**. Also anyone known to us who is sick or suffering the pain of bereavement at this time especially the family of **Peter Sedgwick, Roy Ougham and Joan Rusiecki**.

