

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick: Shelagh Almond, Pauline Baker, Harry Banks, Polly Barclay, Charlie Bartlett, Mary Bartlett, Emma Brindle, Karen Brown, Dennis Butcher Tuset, Rhiannon Crick, Mandy Daly, Win Dennis, Garry Downes, Eric Edwin, Sam Fathers, Ed Freeman, Ed Fuller, Emma Hayward, Laura Hearne, Heidi, Gill Hynes, Julie, Margaret Keech, Judy Lanham, Paul Lanham, Victoria Martin, Jackie O'Shea, Susan Pearson, David Perks, June Simmonds, Darren Smith, Hazel Suffolk, Kathy Timms, Nick Timms, Gary Williamson, Hilary Wilson and Sarah Wilson.

The departed: Barry Armstrong, Jane Frater, Sadie Martin, Susan Powdrill, Beatrice Pressland, and Brian Webb.

We endeavour to keep this list up-to-date; if you have any questions, please speak to Dominic, Beverley, Liz or one of the readers.

Year's Mind

15th Audrey Farmer, Oliver Payne, Eric Pratt, John Wheeler
16th Patricia Hodges, Dorothy Langford, Hannah Pressland, Ann Sears
17th Harriet Bassett, Frank Harrison, Joseph Thompson
18th Jodie Cobley, William Godfrey
19th Emma Chappell, Gavin Cooper *priest*, Evelyn Gregory, Annie Grimmer, Frederick Rolfe, Sylvia Stapleton, Herbert Woods
20th Percy Gill
21st Leslie Akin, Walter Garrett

BIBLE STUDY is meeting on Wednesday evenings by Zoom over the autumn and winter. Meetings are informal and self contained. Everyone is welcome to as many, or few, as suits them. David Young dryoungl@btinternet.com 01525 404947

TREASURER UPDATE We welcome Paul Watson as our new treasurer this month and thank Nigel for all that he has done these past few years and look forward to seeing the efforts of his labours as Chair of the Friends!

ANNUAL REPORTS If you have any reports for last year, please send them to Beverley (a_bhodges@btinternet.com)

COFFEE AND CHAT is this coming Tuesday (17th Jan) from 10.30am-12.00pm in the Chapter House. All welcome.

MILLBROOK FOURTH SUNDAY We are delighted that Kerry Smith, a Lay Reader from the Whipsnade Benefice, will be taking a service at St Michael's on the fourth Sunday at the usual time of 11.15am. Refreshments will follow the service next week as we welcome her.

ST ANDREW'S | AMPHILL

WITH ST MICHAEL'S, MILLBROOK, AND ST LAWRENCE'S, STEPPINGLEY

THIS SUNDAY

Epiphany II

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| 8.00am | Said Eucharist | Sunday 15th January St Andrew's, Ampthill |
| 9.30am | Parish Eucharist | St Andrew's, Ampthill |
| | Hymns: 147 – Crown him with many crowns; 96 – Bright the vision; 262 – Alleluia, sing to Jesus; 246 – Just as I am | |
| | Anthem: Psalm 23 – Goodall | |
| | Recessional: Finale from Sonata 61 – Haydn | |
| 11.15am | Morning Praise | St Lawrence's, Steppingley |
| 11.15am | Said Eucharist | St Michael's, Millbrook |
| 1.00pm | Holy Baptism | St Andrew's, Ampthill |
| 6.30pm | Taizé Service | St Andrew's, Ampthill |

DURING THE WEEK

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| Tuesday 17 th | 10.30am-12.00pm 5.00pm-6.00pm 6.00pm-8.00pm 7.00pm | Coffee and Chat in the Chapter House Pilates in the Chapter House Churchyard Nature Club in the Chapter House Social Committee Meeting at the Rectory |
| Wednesday 18 th | 10.15am-11.30am 1.00pm-3.00pm 7.00pm 7.30pm-9.30pm | Yoga in the Chapter House Tai Chi in the Chapter House Millbrook PCC at the Rectory Childbirth Trust in the Chapter House |
| Thursday 19 th | 10.00am 3.00pm 5.30pm 7.00pm-8.15pm | Said Eucharist in St Andrew's Church Richmond Manor Service Ampthill PCC Meeting in the Chapter House Bell Ringing Practice at St Andrew's |
| Friday 20 th | 9.30am-10.30am 11.00am-12.00pm 11.00am 7.00pm 7.30pm-9.00pm | Toddle Toes in the Chapter House Pilates in the Chapter House Funeral of Brian Webb at St Andrew's Choir Practice at St Andrew's Yoga in the Chapter House |
| Saturday 21 st | 9.30am-4.00pm | Childbirth Trust in the Chapter House |

Morning Prayer is said at 9.00am each weekday at St Andrew's.

NEXT SUNDAY

22nd January

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| 8.00am | Said Eucharist | Third Sunday of Epiphany St Andrew's, Ampthill |
| 9.30am | Parish Eucharist | St Andrew's, Ampthill |
| 11.15am | Parish Eucharist | St Lawrence's, Steppingley |
| 11.15am | Morning Service | St Michael's, Millbrook |

*Followed by PCC
Kerry Smith*

Please ensure that notices are with Dominic by Thursday for inclusion in the next pew sheet.

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COLLECT

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

¹Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. ²He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. ³And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' ⁴But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God.' ⁵And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength – ⁶he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' ⁷Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Isaiah 49: 1-7

Thanks be to God.

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

¹From Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – ⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 1: 1-9

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' ³²And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' ³⁹He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

John 1: 29-42

Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**