

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**The sick:** HRH The Princess of Wales, Shelagh Almond, Pauline Baker, Harry Banks, Polly Barclay, Charlie Bartlett, Mary Bartlett, Emma Brindle, Karen Brown, Dennis Butcher Tuset, Harley Byrne, Diane, Frankie Cooper, Rhiannon Crick, Mandy Daly, Debbie, Win Dennis, Garry Downes, Eric Edwin, Sam Fathers, Ed Freeman, Ed Fuller, Emma Hayward, Laura Hearne, Heidi, Gill Hynes, Enid Ingle, Julie, Margaret Keech, Paul Lanham, Helen Macabe, Victoria Martin, Jackie O'Shea, Susan Pearson, Donna Prior, June Simmonds, Heid Simon, Darren Smith, Robin Stokoe, Hazel Suffolk, Nick Timms, Carol Vanner, Gary Williamson, Hilary Wilson and Sarah Wilson.

### The departed:

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.

<b>Year's Mind</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b> Joanna Barton, Frederick Grange, Robert Grant
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> Marcus Claridge, Tom Jackson, Constance Plater, Peter Sedding
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> Margaret Conway
	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b> James Reaney, John Smith
	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b> Stewart Carass, Eliza Harrison, Henry Lynn
	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b> Violet Cosier, Helen Martin, William Stanbridge
	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b> Emily Harkin-Wynne, Mary Holland

## THE NOTICES

**BIBLE STUDY** meets each Wednesday on Zoom. No commitment. You can join as many or as few as you would like. Please contact David Young dryoungl@btinternet.com 01525 404947

**DIGITAL READER** – We were successful in obtaining a Digital Reader from St. Albans Diocese at a discount price of £50. **PLEASE** create its awareness amongst any visitors or friends to the church who would like to make a donation to church funds by card. It is very **simple and easy** to use!

**FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP** There is to be flower arranging workshop on 4<sup>th</sup> Sept at 6.30pm in the Chapter House, led by Emi from Emi Floral Designs in Ampthill. All welcome. No need to book.

**VACANCY MEETING – TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER AT 7.30PM** – in St. Andrew's Church. This is a meeting with the Bishop of Bedford and the Archdeacon of Bedford to hear about the process for appointing a new Rector and to hold discussion that will help inform the Benefice Profile. **ALL WELCOME!**

**DOMINIC'S FINAL SERVICE** will be a special Evensong at St Andrew's at 5.30pm this evening (1<sup>st</sup> September). All welcome.

**Bike n'Hike** Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Please see the poster in the porch or sponsorship packs at the back of church. Half the monies raised by cycling or walking around churches in the area go to your chosen church. Andrew and Beverley Hodges would welcome sponsorship but it would be good if others would like to take part too!

# ST ANDREW'S | AMPHILL

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

<b>Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>		<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>
8.00am	Said Eucharist	St Andrew's, Ampthill
9.30am	Parish Eucharist	St Andrew's, Ampthill
Hymns: 192 – Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; 115 – Dear Lord and Father; 259 – My God, and is thy table spread; 247 – I heard the voice of Jesus say		
Anthem: I will feed my flock – Simper		
Recessional: Berceuse – Vierne		
11.15am	Worship Together	St Lawrence's, Steppingley
11.15am	Parish Eucharist	St Michael's, Millbrook
<b>5.30pm</b>	Valedictory Evensong	St Andrew's, Ampthill

### DURING THE WEEK

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.00pm-9.00pm	Yoga in the Chapter House
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	1.00pm-3.00pm	Tai Chi in the Chapter House
	6.30pm	Flower Arranging with Emi in the Chapter House
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Said Eucharist at St Andrew's <i>Rev'd David Powell</i>
	10.30am-12.30pm	Coffee Morning at St Lawrence's
	6.45pm-8.15pm	Yoga in the Chapter House
	7.30pm-8.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice at Ampthill
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Choir Practice at St Andrew's

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

### NEXT SUNDAY

<b>8<sup>th</sup> September</b>		<b>Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>	
8.00am	Said Eucharist	St Andrew's, Ampthill	<i>Rev'd Andy Jefferson</i>
9.30am	Parish Eucharist	St Andrew's, Ampthill	<i>Rev'd Andy Jefferson</i>
11.15am	Parish Eucharist	St Lawrence's, Steppingley	<i>Rev'd Andy Jefferson</i>
11.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Michael's, Millbrook	<i>Rev'd Paul Lanham</i>

### CONTACTS

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### Bank Details for internet payments:

AMPTHILL PCC      Sort Code: 20-05-74      Account no.: 40063762

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

## COLLECT

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## READING

*A reading from the Letter of James*

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act – they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

This is the word of the Lord.

*James 1: 17-end*

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL READING

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' <sup>6</sup>He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; <sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines."' "

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.'

<sup>21</sup>For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*Mark 7: 1-8, 14, 15, 21-23*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**