

# MESSENGER AND SERVICE

SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

This is your page

Please send me your news, thoughts, messages, helpful suggestions, requests etc. by Wednesday. Either by phone on 01295 712747 or email [clairewilks@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:clairewilks@hotmail.co.uk)



All Saints will be open on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 5pm and Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 6pm for those who would like to pay their respects to Queen Elizabeth and write in the Book of Condolence.

## Services

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September – Trinity 13**

8.15am Holy Communion Sulgrave  
10.30am All Age service Marston St Lawrence  
10.30am Holy Communion Middleton Cheney

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Holy Cross Day and  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September – St Cyprian of Carthage**

10am Holy Communion Middleton Cheney

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September – Trinity 14**

9.00am Holy Communion at Chacombe  
10.30am Morning Praise at Middleton Cheney  
10.30am Morning Praise at Greatworth  
10.30am Holy Communion at Sulgrave  
10.45am Holy Communion at Thenford  
6.00pm Choral Evensong at Warkworth

## Special Services

**Rev. Carolyn's Final Services**

18<sup>th</sup> Sept 6.00pm Choral Communion at Warkworth  
25<sup>th</sup> Sept 10.30am Holy Communion at All Saints

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 6 – 7pm**

The feast day of St Francis - Patron Saint of animals

**Animal Blessing Service**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October 10.30am**

**Harvest Communion**

## Ride and stride

**Is this Saturday – 10<sup>th</sup> September**

Sue Hunter will be riding and Alex Honey striding. They will both be at church on Sunday and would appreciate any sponsorship you are able to offer.

**18<sup>th</sup> September from 3 – 4pm**

**A History of All Saints - The Church and its People.**

**What is special about our church?**

**10,000 – 20,000AD**

**Come along and hear about its history and its people**

Three local experts will be telling the story

*The event is free – though donations will be welcome*

The talk will be followed by refreshments and an option of Guided Tours of the church with a copy of our book - **'William Morris at Middleton Cheney'**

Priced at £10.00

## Midweek

**Don't forget our regular activities:**

**Jolly Teapot! Every Wednesday 10.30am – 12.30pm**

Enjoy coffee or tea and cake and chat together in our lovely church. Do come and join us!

**First Steps has started again after the summer break**

For all pre-school aged children and their carers.

An hour of singing, stories, fun, and activities;

Every Wednesday from 2–3pm



**Contact Chris Wells (710076) for more details**



**Wrap and Fill Sessions on:  
Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October and  
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November  
9.30am – 2.30pm**

The Wrap and Fill sessions will be combined with fund-raising coffee mornings; they're loads of fun and there's plenty of time to eat, drink and chat as well as filling boxes!

Full details of what goes into a shoebox can be found on the website; [www.samaritans-purse.org.uk](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk)

Bring along your shoeboxes and anything you can buy or make to go in them and let's send God's love to children in need from our community this Christmas!

# SERVICE FOR THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 2022

## for those who worship at home

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners....

1 Timothy v 15

### HYMN to be read or sung

I cannot tell how He whom angels worship  
should stoop to love the peoples of the earth,  
or why as shepherd He should seek the wanderer  
with His mysterious promise of new birth.  
But this I know that He was born of Mary,  
when Bethlehem's manger was His only home,  
and that He lived at Nazareth and laboured,  
and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world is come.

I cannot tell how silently He suffered,  
as with His peace He graced this place of tears,  
or how His heart upon the cross was broken,  
the crown of pain to three and thirty years.  
But this I know, He heals the broken-hearted,  
and stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,  
and lifts the burden from the heavy laden,  
for yet the Saviour, Saviour of the world is here.

I cannot tell how He will win the nations,  
how He will claim His earthly heritage,  
how satisfy the needs and aspirations  
Of east and west, of sinner and of sage.  
But this I know, all flesh shall see His glory,  
and He shall reap the harvest He has sown,  
and some glad day His sun shall shine in splendour  
when He the Saviour, Saviour of the world is known.

I cannot tell, how all the lands shall worship,  
when at His bidding every storm is stilled  
or who can say how great the jubilation  
When every heart with perfect love is filled.  
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,  
and myriad, myriad human voices sing,  
and earth to heaven, and heaven to earth will answer,  
"At last the Saviour, Saviour of the world is King".

William Fullerton 1857 – 1932

### THE NEW TESTAMENT READING is taken from 1 Timothy 1 verses 12 – 17

I (Paul) am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me because He judged me faithful and appointed me to His service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners - of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in Him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen

**This is the word of the Lord**

**Thanks be to God**

### THE HOLY GOSPEL is taken from St Luke chapter 15 v. 1 - 10

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them".

So He told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until He finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours saying to them, "Rejoice with me for I have found my sheep that was lost". Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours saying,

“Rejoice with me for I have found the coin that I had lost”. Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents”.

**This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you O Christ**

### **ADDRESS**

We all know the feeling of losing something valuable. We try to think where we might have lost it, we search in all of the likely places where it might be found. We all know the sheer, overwhelming relief when the precious thing is found. In the parable of Jesus both of the things that were lost are highly prized - a lamb of the flock and a silver coin, and we can guess that neither of these could be let go without lasting cost and deep distress to the owners.

As so often with Jesus' stories, we are invited to stand the obvious meaning on its head. For there is no doubt that we are both the precious ones and also the sinners, the ones at the beginning of the reading who were listening to Him. The righteous ones, the ones who grumbled, the ones with no need for repentance simply do not exist. We are all deeply flawed, deeply sinful.

But the problem is that we struggle to see ourselves as sinners. We are more likely to look around and see people who we judge to be far more sinful than we are, and to think that we are just about good enough. But of course when we think about it, we are using the wrong benchmark. The measurement of sin is not against the behaviour of our neighbours whose secret hearts are known to God alone. The measurement is against Jesus and against Him, we all fall short. We do not love God with our whole being and our neighbours do not enjoy the same love that we have for ourselves. There are no righteous ones. We are all sinners.

St Paul is the perfect example of this. Because he is in no doubt at all that he is the “foremost” of sinners. His shameful history as a violent persecutor of Christians makes him able to offer himself as an example. We are unlikely to have a history like Paul but we still have a history which exposes our inmost faults. But as Paul discovered, Jesus will find us. In love He searches for us and when we turn towards Him, in sheer amazement at His extraordinary power to find us, so we know that God experiences that overwhelming relief. He tells us of His joy that for each of us precious ones, we are back with Him, the centre of His deepest concern, the love of His life.

### **PRAYERS**

Good and gracious Shepherd, we thank you for your protection and care, we thank you for searching for us. Guide us O Lord, and keep us in the ways of peace through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit, are one God, now and for ever. Amen

Lord God, you call out our names, you want us to be with you, you are our Shepherd and you are our God. We pray for all like us who have strayed, all who have lost their way at times, especially any whose lives are in danger.

**Good and faithful Shepherd,  
lead us to life and peace.**

God our protector, we pray for those who are suffering from storms and disasters, especially the people of Pakistan living after the overwhelming monsoon. We pray for those living in nations at war and we pray for all peace keeping forces. We pray for those overwhelmed by drought and famine. We pray for relief agencies and for those many who support them with goods and cash.

**Good and faithful Shepherd,  
lead us to life and peace.**

Heavenly Father, we ask you to walk with all who walk in darkness; may your faithful love extend to the depressed and despairing; may your strength and hope be known to the discouraged. We ask your blessing on all who are ill at home or in hospital. We remember before you our priest Celia and her husband Mike back in hospital. We pray for those we know who are hurting and suffering at this time.

**Good and faithful Shepherd,  
lead us to life and peace.**

Loving Lord, the Holy One who searches for us and seeks us in life and in death, we pray for all who have passed through death and have entered life eternal. Give us confidence in your eternal love that finds us and never lets us go.

**Merciful Father,  
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ Amen.**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER.**

#### **THE BLESSING**

May God who cares for us all protect you this week,  
May Christ the Good Shepherd, seek you out and be with you,  
May The Holy Spirit of God, who is your Guide, lead you into the ways of peace.  
And the Blessing of God be with you and those you love, now and always. Amen



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