



NEWS for the PEWS & readings for

11th August 2019

The Eighth Sunday
After Trinity

Welcome to today's Service at the Church of St Mary the Virgin Whaddon. The Service will be led by John & Joy and will be followed by a Bring Your Own Picnic at Whaddon Grove Farm. Please stay if you can.



The Collect

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16

11 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. **2** Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. **3** By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. **8** By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. **9** By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. **10** For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. **11** By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. **12** Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’ **13** All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance

they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel: Luke 12.13-21

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

³² Jesus said ‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵ ‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to re-

turn from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹ ‘But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

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

Post Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. Amen.

Prayer Requests

It is important that we pray for all those who seek our support. As well as praying in our churches we also include below the names of those who would like us to pray for them when we are at home. Please use the prayer request form in church to let us know of people to be prayed for or send an email to Michael. Please ensure that you have their permission to publish. This week we pray for...

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| <i>Barbara & David Tucker</i> | <i>Jim Banks</i> | <i>Ray Fairclough</i> |
| <i>Barbara Moyce</i> | <i>Kim Balecke</i> | <i>Rob Dewsbury</i> |
| <i>Cynthia Hayhurst</i> | <i>Marilyn Stubbs</i> | <i>Susie Goad</i> |
| <i>Doreen</i> | <i>Mike Aldridge</i> | <i>Val Lovell</i> |
| <i>Doris Mitchell</i> | <i>Pat Belben</i> | |
| <i>Ewa (Eva)</i> | <i>Pauline Burbage</i> | |

We remember all those who we have loved and lost and we pray for all those who are grieving at this time.

NEWS FOR THE PEWS

This Thursday: Jeannette's Coffee Morning & Open Garden

10am—1pm at 107a Church Street, Hilperton. Bric-a-Brac and Marmalade will be on sale. If you can help on the day or donate a raffle prize please let Jeannette know.

Drop in for Coffee at St Mary Magdalen's

The Drop in is taking a break this month but will return on 19th September.

Book of Remembrance

Did you know that there is a Book of Remembrance at St Michael's? It is a beautiful leather bound book given in memory of Vicky Hunt who died in 2005. Inside the book the names of loved ones are entered by a calligrapher showing their full name, their date of birth and date of death. At the moment the book is kept in the safe but in the near future the intention is that the book will be displayed in a specially made cabinet. Each month the page will be turned to show the names of those who passed away in that month over the years. If you would like to remember someone in this way please see Elizabeth Holyoake and she will give you a form to complete with the necessary details. The cost for each entry in the book is £40.

Your help is needed....

- Please don't forget that we are looking for help in the following areas.....

An Open the Book co-ordinator, help with refreshments at Messy Church in Hilperton and someone to take on the role of the Benefice Safeguarding Representative. If you can help us with any of these roles please speak to John or Anne.

- We are also looking for people to take part in Ride and Stride on Saturday 14th September (see last week's pewsheet) and for people to be at each church through the day to sign sponsor forms. See Michael for details

Next Sunday (18th): Family Barbecue & Worship at St Mary's

Instead of the usual 11am Communion at St Mary's, on the 3rd Sunday of the month, next week's worship will be at **4pm** and will include a Barbecue. All are welcome to attend. If you will be staying for the Barbecue please contact Michael to book your place by no later than Thursday lunchtime.

Storehouse Food Bank: Update

The most needed items this week are:- Tinned fruit, vegetables & meats, & jams.

Mark's Gospel with Gerald Osborne

Tuesday 24th September 7.30pm St Katharine's Church, Holt

Mark's Gospel is a fast-paced, directly written, story, so it's an exciting listen for people of any religious viewpoint or none. Gerald spent 3 years memorising the Gospel. In the performance St Mark dictates his gospel to a pagan Roman scribe. Free entry: all welcome. Interval refreshments. Donations for "Send a Cow" John has seen one of Gerald's productions and says it was excellent and he would highly recommend it.

THIS WEEK IN THE BENEFICE

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| Tu | 13th | 0830 1000 | Morning Prayer at St Mary Magdalen's Holy Communion at the Old Vicarage, Staverton |
| W | 14th | 0900 1000 | Morning Prayer at St Michael's Communion and Coffee at St Michael's |
| Th | 15th | 0945 1000- 1300 | Morning Prayer at St George's Jeannette's Coffee Morning & Open Garden at 107a Church Street in Hilperton |
| Su | 18th | 0930 1000 1600 | Holy Communion at St George's Holy Communion at St Michael's Worship with Barbecue at St Mary Magdalen's |

For details of Home Groups in the Benefice please contact Rev John

Find details on our Facebook page & our website:

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