

## Pew Sheet for 27 July 2025

A warm welcome to everyone

# The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Please come into the hall for refreshments after the 09:30 service.

### **Collect:**

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Hymns:**

555	Praise my Soul the King of Heaven
166	Crown him with many Crowns
383	Be still for the presence of the Lord
174	Breathe on Me Breathe of God
163	All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

Although there is no formal collection during the offertory hymn, please feel free to make a contribution to the work of St. Mary's either in the Treasury box at the back of church, or using the card reader, also at the back of church. Thank you.

# **Readings:**

#### Colossians 2:6-15 16-19

#### Fullness of Life in Christ

<sup>6</sup> As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives a in him, 7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. <sup>8</sup> See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, 10 and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup> In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, [c] by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; 12 when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup> And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God dead made you[e] alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup> erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> He disarmed [f] the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

<sup>16</sup> Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. <sup>17</sup> These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup> Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling<sup>[g]</sup> on visions,<sup>[h]</sup> puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking,<sup>[i]</sup> <sup>19</sup> and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

### The Lord's Prayer

**11** He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' <sup>2</sup> He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, [a] hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.[b]

- <sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread. [c]
- <sup>4</sup> And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.'[d]

## Perseverance in Prayer

<sup>5</sup> And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup> for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." <sup>7</sup> And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." <sup>8</sup> I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup> 'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup> Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for [e] a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup> Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit<sup>[f]</sup> to those who ask him!'

## **Post-communion prayer:**

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

# Dates for your diary

Are you free on a Friday morning once a month? Would you be willing to make the refreshments for the Toddler Group? Extra help would be appreciated so if you are interested to know more, please speak to Christine Clarke.

**This Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July** - We like to recognise, thank and appreciate the ministry of our lay minister Jason Gray in our church, particularly during the interregnum.

**Sunday 3rd August - Don't Forget** there will be 8am and 9.30am services - all are very welcome.

Sunday 14th September - 3pm. Join us for a special Thanksgiving Service for our Pets and their friendship to us here at St Mary's Church, Cuddington. Bring your beloved pets - great and small - for a joyful time of thanksgiving, prayer, and blessing. This family-friendly service celebrates God's creation and our companionship with animals. If you are coming along with pets, please keep them with you all the time. All are very welcome.

The social committee has also planned some dates for our diaries: -

Parish BBQ - Sunday 7th September.

Heritage Day - Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

Quiz Night - Saturday 25th October Enquiries: Sara & Daphne