PRAYERS: For your prayers this week.

Vocations and ministry:

We pray for Elaine and Janet, our Lay Worship Leaders.
We pray also for Rev'd Canon Jonathan Herbert and for his work with the

Roma, Gypsy and Traveller community.

The sick:

Marianne, Kylie, Merry, Alex, David, Jackie, Nic, Babs, Russell and Lee, Dennis, Malcolm and Alan. All those in hospital, having treatment and waiting for test results and operations.

Those needing long term care and support: Pauline, Richard, those being cared for at home, the residents of Goatacre Manor Care Centre and other local care homes.

Those who have died:

We pray for all who have died recently, those we know and those we read about in the news. We pray for all those who grieve.

Banns and weddings

We pray for Tara Stoddart and Ben Bryant who are getting married this month.

Baptisms

We pray for Bethany, Holly and Harry who are being baptised this month.

Special intentions (This is for people who may have plans or hopes for which they would like our prayer support)

We pray for the King and all the Royal family.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for the Jersey Deanery and the community of St Martin de Grouville

In our prayers for the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Église Anglicane du Rwanda.

We pray too for the Community at Hilfield friary.

We pray for our Benefice congregations, parishioners and our churches in this time of vacancy. We give thanks for those helping at this time.



10th August St Laurence/Inclusive Church/Trinity 8



Bradenstoke Broad Town Communion - 9am Communion - 10.30am

Hilmarton Inclusive Church Sunday - I Iam

Future services:

Sun 17th August

Clyffe Pypard Communion - 9am

Lyneham Tockenham Communion - 10.30am Morning Prayer - 10.30am

Sun 24th August

Bradenstoke

Communion - 9am

Broad Town Hilmarton Communion - 10.30am All-Age Service - 10.30am

Keep in touch by going to: www.achurchnearyou.com and searching for your parish church.

Using the Benefice of Lyneham and Woodhill Facebook page.

Getting your name added to the Benefice email list if it isn't already there – just email Elaine on beneficeofwoodhill@yahoo.co.uk and ask to be added.

READINGS FOR HILMARTON'S SERVICE

COLLECT

Searching God, for you, no one is lost no one is left behind no one is the price to be paid for the greater good. Give us the same restless desire, the same fierce joy which finds grace in every child of earth and makes a community open to all. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who loved the world and did not count the cost.

FIRST READING

2 Corinthians 9.6-10

⁶The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹As it is written,

'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.'

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

GOSPEL

Matthew 6.19-24

¹⁹ Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²² The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; ²³but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

²⁴No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

POST COMMUNION

Eternal God, who gave us this holy meal in which we have celebrated the glory of the cross and the victory of your martyr Laurence: by our communion with Christ in his saving death and resurrection, give us with all your saints the courage to conquer evil and so to share the fruit of the tree of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

COLLECT

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 1.1,10-20

¹The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah!

What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD:

I have had enough of burnt-offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats.

¹²When you come to appear before me,

who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more;

¹³bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation -

I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

¹⁴Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them.

¹⁵When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you;

even though you make many prayers, I will not listen;

your hands are full of blood.

¹⁶Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;

remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes;

cease to do evil, ¹⁷learn to do good;

seek justice, rescue the oppressed,

defend the orphan, plead for the widow.

¹⁸Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.
 ¹⁹If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land;
 ²⁰but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

GOSPEL: Luke 12.32-40

Jesus said to his disciples, ³² Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell 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. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed 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. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹But 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. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

POST COMMUNION

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.