

This week we pray in love for:

The world

- ◆ Peace and reconciliation
- ◆ Victims of war, the hungry, the homeless and refugees
- ◆ All organisations and charities which work to end suffering
- ◆ Prisoners and the persecuted
- ◆ Those who work to care for the environment, our eco-church group

June prayers for...

Kensworth

Common Road from the Methodist Church to Dovehouse Lane

Studham

Common Road, Clements End and Pedley Hill

Whipsnade

Whipsnade Zoo

This week please remember in your prayers;

Stuart Tarsey and Matilda Tarsey, as they prepare for their confirmation; Dave Heather, our new SSM curate, as he prepares to join us here in the benefice; those in the midst of illness, operations or accidents; amongst whom are Sheryl Anslow, Lorraine Burger, Frank and Barbara Walker, Paul Kennedy, Albert Mead, Jim Putterill, Brian, John and Helen, Rachel, Hilary, Paul, Philip, David, Sue, Richard, Beverly, Paul, Geoff and Barbara; and those who have died recently.

Do you have a name or a request for prayer that you wish to have included on this prayer list? Please email Nicola on revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com before Thursday each week.

A prayer for this week: Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you. May be faithful to your call and live in your trust. ***Amen.***

Readings for next week: Habakkuk 2: 1-4; Ephesians 2: 19-end; John 20: 24-29

• ***Dates for your diary***

- **Wednesday 29th June, 9.15am** – Prayer Group, Whipsnade Church. All welcome, or email Nicola if you have a name you would like offered in prayer
- **Thursday 30th June, 7.25pm** – Wedding rehearsal, Kensworth Church
- **Friday 1st July, 10am** – Studham Church Coffee Morning, Studham Church. All welcome, come along and have a chat.
- **Saturday 2nd July, 1pm** – Wedding of Andy and Gina, Kensworth Church
- **Saturday 2nd July, 4pm** – Ordination of David Heather, St. Albans Cathedral
- **Sunday 3rd July, afternoon** – Summer Sunday Cream Teas, Kensworth Churchyard
- **Friday 8th July, 2pm** – First Steps service for babies and toddlers, Kensworth Church Hall
- **Saturday 9th July, 1.30-4pm** – Whipsnade Church Fete; if you can help in any way, please contact Kim on whipsnade_fete@gmail.com

We are very much looking forward to Mr David Heather MBE joining us here in the benefice as a self-supporting curate from July 3rd. We will be having a welcome bring and share lunch for Dave on Sunday July 3rd from 12noon at Studham Church. If you can contribute to the lunch, please contact Meg who is keeping the list – meg.bender4@btinternet.com

Welcome to the United Benefice of Kensworth, Studham and Whipsnade

Part of the North Chilterns Group of Parishes

Sunday 26th June 2022

Second Sunday after Trinity

Kensworth	8.00am – Holy Communion
	10.30am – Family Service
Studham	10.30am – Holy Communion
Whipsnade	9.00am – Holy Communion
Eaton Bray	6.00pm – NCG Confirmation

Services next week: 3rd July

Kensworth	10.30am – Holy Communion
Studham	10.30am – Family Service
Whipsnade	9.00am – Holy Communion

If this is your first visit to one of our churches, then please make yourself known as we're a friendly lot – really! The rector (Nicola) can be reached on (01582) 872223 or at revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com. Please also email Nicola if you'd like to receive this service sheet weekly if you can't make it to church. We hope you enjoy your time with us.

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The Collect

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

A reading from the first Book of Kings

1 Kings 19: 15-16, 19-end

'Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was ploughing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, 'Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.' Then Elijah said to him, 'Go back again; for what have I done to you?' He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

A reading from St Paul's Letter to the Galatians

Galatians 5: 1, 13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 9: 51-end

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?' But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' To another he said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Prayer after Communion

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS:

What do you think is important and urgent to do for following Jesus?

For parents and carers: ask your children, "What sort of things do you think are important and urgent in your life?"