

FIRST READING

Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to
Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God
because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the
Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become
effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ.
I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love,
because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my
brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you
to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of
love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner
of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus,
whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he
was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to
me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted
to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your
place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do
nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be
voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he
was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him
back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved
brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the
flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would
welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you
anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my
own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even
your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the
Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am
writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 14: 25-33

All: Glory to Christ our Saviour

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to
them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife
and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my
disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my
disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit
down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete
it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all
who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build
and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against
another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with
ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty
thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a
delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you
can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions

Reader: This is the Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to Christ our Lord

INTERCESSION

Please continue to pray for all who are sick and in our hearts especially:

Jackie Morley, Logan Matthews, Sheila Gilbert, Louise Osborne,
Peggy O'Neill, Dawn Tavener, Shirley Foster, Sue Vaness, Iris White,
Valerie Pratt, Cathy Cox, Alan Gaywood, Susan Gaywood, Joyce Dyson,
Michael Pritchard, Gemma O'Neil, Brian Richardson, Stan Butler,
Josephine Di Leo, Ray Foster

Please pray for these church members at home:

Joan Hopkins, Chloe Attwell, Eileen Pidgeon

We remember before God those who have died:

Anne Rolls, Chris McGrath, David Burr, Philip Spragg, Peggy Goggins,
Paul Davies, Betty Workman, Jeff Reynolds, George Cooper, Roland Brown,
Sheila Irons, Stephen Dillingham, Gordon Bedingfield, Judith Townsend,
Eva Askew, Jim Fortune, Gwen Wells, Elsie Lee

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday Trinity 15	4 th September	9.30am 11.15am 2.00pm	Parish Communion Family service in Church Parish Walk
Tuesday	6 th September	10.15am	Buggy Group
Wednesday	7 th September	10.15am 11.30am 1.30am	Parish Centre Communion Talking Elephants Ladies Guild (Afternoon Tea – Leave village hall at 1.30am)
Thursday	8 th September	10.00am	Coffee morning –Parish Centre
Saturday	10 th September		Bike Ride round Beds & Herts Historic Churches
Sunday Trinity 16	11 th September	8.30am 9.30am 11.15am 2.00pm 6.30pm	BCP Communion Parish Communion Parish Centre Service Baptism Youth Club

NOTICES

Church Coffee during July, August and September will support Plan International's appeal to help end violence against girls in Cambodia. Thank you for your support

Future dates for your diary.

4th September – Parish Walk – meet at junction of Warden Hill Road and Links Way

10th September – Tony Baines & Frances Wood will be cycling round the Beds & Herts Historic Churches to raise money for the Trust who help to maintain and keep these old buildings. Please sign up with your donations. Thank you

14th September – Way Wardens service and speaker – Church 7pm

24th September – Crafty Church in Church 3-5pm

20th November – Fireworks with Barbeque at Village Hall 5-6.45pm. More details later.

Vicar – Steve Wood 01525 876197 Mob 07704922984 (Day off Monday)
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Welcome to St Margaret's Church, Streatley

Trinity 15
4th September 2016

Leader Paolo Di Leo
Preacher Steve Wood

We extend a very warm welcome to all visitors and those new to the Church. Please make yourselves known to the vicar Steve Wood, assistant Curate Paolo Di Leo, reader Teresa Dales or our Churchwardens Dorothy Iszatt and John Farrent.

 There is a loop system and large print hymn books are available from the sidesmen.

You are all invited to come to the altar at the time of the Communion. Members of other churches who would receive at their own church are welcome to take the bread and wine with us. If you do not receive communion, please come up to receive a blessing keeping your hands down. If you would like communion brought to you please tell one of the sidesmen.

After the service we serve coffee and we invite you to join us. We welcome all ages and for the very young there is also a children's area

Hymns Old & New - 427 – 73 – 465 – 372 - 560

COLLECT

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love;
grant that your people may be fervent
in the fellowship of the gospel
that, always abiding in you,
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

NOTICE – THE A6 WILL BE CLOSED ON

THE 11TH SEPTEMBER