



## The Priory Church of Jesus Christ Ascot

### This Week at the Priory

The Priory is closed on Wednesday

#### Monday - Tuesday – Thursday - Friday

8:30am Morning Prayer

9:00am Mass

5:00pm Evening Prayer

#### Sunday October 14<sup>th</sup>

#### Harvest Festival

10:00am Holy Eucharist

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia.** Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.  
**Alleluia.**

**Hymn: 217**

#### For your prayers this week

**Pray for** The Episcopal Church (USA) Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Jonathan our Bishop and the Bishops and Parishes of the Society. Bp Nicholas Reade. St Leonard & St James, Rousham, Fr Richard Smail St John the Evangelist, New Hinksey, Fr James Wilkinson. St Laurence, South Hinksey, Fr James Wilkinson. Pusey House, Oxford, Fr George Westhaver. St Thomas the Martyr, Oxford, Fr Jonathan Beswick.

**Pray for** those to be ordained: Deacon: Simon Walker. Priest: Alexander Hobbs, David Watson

**Pray for** this Priory, Fr. Paul and the Trustees

**Pray for** the peace of the world.

**Pray for those in need:** the poor, the hungry, the homeless, the unemployed, for refugees, for all victims of terrorism, cruelty or abuse, the lonely, the frightened, the despairing and the bereaved.

**Pray for** those who are sick or in need: Simon, Naomi, Derek, Barbara, Ray, Patti, Lisa, Helen, Karen, Jacqui, Pam, Duncan, Marion, Marjorie, James, Nigel, Allan, Heather, Angela, Warren, Barry, Sr Catherine, Ruth, Gillian, Clive, Fr Huw, Fr Murray, Emma.

**Pray for the departed** Bp. Alexander Forbes, Sr Phoebe, Fr. Cheslyn Jones, Sarah Thorpe, Mabel Murray, Shaun.

#### Readings for next Sunday

Joel 2:21-27

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Matthew 6:25-33



"It is not good for the man to be alone," God says in the reading from Genesis. Humans are social beings: God created us to live and work together, to share our lives, to care about and for each other. Shortly after this story in Genesis, Cain asks the rhetorical question: "Am I my brother's keeper?" The rest of the Hebrew and Christian scriptures answer with a resounding: "YES!"

The great sign of the social nature of men and women is marriage, in which the "two of them become one body, the two shall become as one." Another sign is the Eucharist, for as Paul says in the Communion Antiphon: "we, though many, are one body, for we all share in the one loaf and in the one cup." Marriage and Eucharist are signs of sharing lives and living together.

The unity of humankind is shattered every day by the many scourges of injustice: racism, sexism, poverty, hunger, homelessness, war. We are constantly violating the fundamental principle: "let no man separate what God has joined." God has joined us in a society of brothers and sisters because it is not good for us to be alone: let no one separate that society through collusion in injustice.

*Fr. Gerald Darring*



**HARVEST  
THANKSGIVING  
Sunday October 14<sup>th</sup>  
10am Holy Eucharist**

**Please bring tins, packaged goods or toiletries for the Food Bank.**

**Warden: Fr. Paul McLaren-Cook.**

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