

Notices:

In May, we introduced Breakfast Church at 9.30am at St Peter and St Andrew. This will be a new monthly family service on the third Sunday of the month. Breakfast will be served from 9.15am. **Please note that there will be no Breakfast Church in August. Our next Breakfast Service will be on Sunday 20th September**, on the theme of Heroes. We hope to see you there.

6th September - St Michael's Church Summer Fete – **New Location at the Village Hall & Cricket Club**

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is fast approaching, and we need your help to make it a success! We're looking for volunteers to run stalls, help with refreshments, bake cakes (or donate towards ingredients), and contribute items for our stalls. Every offer of help, big or small, really does make a difference. If you're able to support in any way, please speak to Claire or a member of the team. Thank you for helping our church community thrive!

12th September – Ride and Stride

Our churches will be open for Ride and Stride on 12th September during the day. All are welcome to take part and visit our churches and other churches in aid of Northamptonshire historic Churches Trust.

Open Church with Art Exhibition and Music – Saturday 12th September

St Peter and St Andrew church will be open from 10am-4pm for Ride and Stride, with an art exhibition by David Beynon from 11am, live background music through the day, and tea and coffee served. Everyone is warmly welcome to come, look around and enjoy the space.

10th October – Harvest

21st November – St Peter and St Andrew Christmas Fair

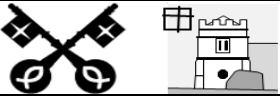
5th December - St Michael's Christmas Fete

Supporting Our Churches

Following our March stewardship campaign, we invite you to prayerfully respond to what God has placed on your heart. Faithful stewardship includes gifts of time, energy, skills, finances, and resources, all of which help P&A and St Michael's serve our communities, sustain ministry, and care for our places of worship. If you'd like to give or explore how to contribute, please speak with **Robert Hartley, Jonathan Mack** or **Shakeel**. Thank you for your generosity and faith.

You can contact our vicar, Revd Shakeel Nurmahi, via: shakeel@shakeelnurmahi.com or vicar@stmichaelsgreatoakley.uk. **Parish Phone** – 07521 156331. Please note, that Shakeel will be on Paternity leave from 27th July – 31st August.

THIS WEEK IN CHURCH	
MON 1.30-3PM FOOD BANK	
WED 2PM-CRAFT CLUB	
THUR 10.30AM MIDWEEK SERVICE	ST PETER & ST ANDREW'S, CORBY
FRI 1.30-3PM FOOD BANK	
FOLLOWING SUNDAY:	
	23 RD AUGUST - THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
9.30AM EUCHARIST	ST PETER & ST ANDREW'S, CORBY
11.00AM EUCHARIST	ST MICHAEL'S, GREAT OAKLEY

	16 th August – The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
The Benefice of Ss Peter, Andrew and Michael	TODAY'S SERVICES & PRAYERS

9.15am Eucharist

Leader: Revd Adrian Morris

Sides: Yvonne

11.00am Eucharist

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Sides: Ann

10.30am Thursday - Morning Prayer

Ss Peter & Andrew's, Corby

Readers: Judith & Jenny

Prayers: Marshall

Hymns: 227, 166, 415, 214

St Michael's, Great Oakley

Readers: Ann & Helen B

Prayers: Trish

Hymns: 175, 125, 314, 288

Peter & St Andrew's, Corby

Prayers

For your prayers this month: Tony, Dave, Jade, Jenny P, Richard N

For your prayers this year: Julie, Mick, Eileen, Diana, Phyllis, Karen, Roger, Rosemary, Kim, Kirsty, Jenny N, Roseanne, Sam, Val, Pam, Peter, Elizabeth, Stephen, Anne, Margaret,

For the departed: James Docherty

MISSION PRAYER

God of mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, joy to our worship, and power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COLLECT: O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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.

FIRST READING: Genesis 45.1-15**Joseph Tells His Brothers Who He Is**

Joseph was no longer able to control his feelings in front of his servants, so he ordered them all to leave the room. No one else was with him when Joseph told his brothers who he was. He cried with such loud sobs that the Egyptians heard it, and the news was taken to the king's palace. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But when his brothers heard this, they were so terrified that they could not answer. Then Joseph said to them, "Please come closer." They did, and he said, "I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. Now do not be upset or blame yourselves because you sold me here. It was really God who sent me ahead of you to save people's lives. This is only the second year of famine in the land; there will be five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor reaping. God sent me ahead of you to rescue you in this amazing way and to make sure that you and your descendants survive. So it was not really you who sent me here, but God. He has made me the king's highest official. I am in charge of his whole country; I am the ruler of all Egypt. "Now hurry back to my father and tell him that this is what his son Joseph says: 'God has made me ruler of all Egypt; come to me without delay. You can live in the region of Goshen, where you can be near me—you, your children, your grandchildren, your sheep, your goats, your cattle, and everything else that you have. If you are in Goshen, I can take care of you. There will still be five years of famine; and I do not want you, your family, and your livestock to starve.'"

Joseph continued, "Now all of you, and you too, Benjamin, can see that I am really Joseph. Tell my father how powerful I am here in Egypt and tell him about everything that you have seen. Then hurry and bring him here."

He threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and began to cry; Benjamin also cried as he hugged him. Then, still weeping, he embraced each of his brothers and kissed them. After that, his brothers began to talk with him.

SECOND READING: Romans 11.1-2, 29-32**God's Mercy on Israel**

I ask, then: Did God reject his own people? Certainly not! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people, whom he chose from the beginning. You know what the scripture says in the passage where Elijah pleads with God against Israel:

For God does not change his mind about whom he chooses and blesses. As for you Gentiles, you disobeyed God in the past; but now you have received God's mercy because the Jews were disobedient. In the same way, because of the mercy that you have received, the Jews now disobey God, in order that they also may now receive God's mercy. For God has made all people prisoners of disobedience, so that he might show mercy to them all.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 15.10-28**The Things That Make a Person Unclean**

Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand! It is not what goes into your mouth that makes you ritually unclean; rather, what comes out of it makes you unclean."

Then the disciples came to him and said, "Do you know that the Pharisees had their feelings hurt by what you said?"

"Every plant which my Father in heaven did not plant will be pulled up," answered Jesus. "Don't worry about them! They are blind leaders of the blind; and when one blind man leads another, both fall into a ditch."

Peter spoke up, "Explain this saying to us."

Jesus said to them, "You are still no more intelligent than the others. Don't you understand? Anything that goes into your mouth goes into your stomach and then on out of your body. But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and these are the things that make you ritually unclean. For from your heart come the evil ideas which lead you to kill, commit adultery, and do other immoral things; to rob, lie, and slander others. These are the things that make you unclean. But to eat without washing your hands as they say you should—this doesn't make you unclean."

A Woman's Faith

Jesus left that place and went off to the territory near the cities of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman who lived in that region came to him. "Son of David!" she cried out. "Have mercy on me, sir! My daughter has a demon and is in a terrible condition."

But Jesus did not say a word to her. His disciples came to him and begged him, "Send her away! She is following us and making all this noise!"

Then Jesus replied, "I have been sent only to the lost sheep of the people of Israel."

At this the woman came and fell at his feet. "Help me, sir!" she said.

Jesus answered, "It isn't right to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."

"That's true, sir," she answered, "but even the dogs eat the leftovers that fall from their masters' table."

So Jesus answered her, "You are a woman of great faith! What you want will be done for you." And at that very moment her daughter was healed.

POST COMMUNION: Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P&A PRAYER INTERCESSION RESPONSE

Servant God:

Let us honour you with our lives.