Aldermaston and Woolhampton Benefice News

**(the parishes of Aldermaston & Wasing, Beenham, Brimpton, Midgham and Woolhampton)**

# **Sunday 20th July 2025: the Fifth Sunday after Trinity**

**COLLECT** Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; 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** Colossians 1.15–28 Paul’s hymn to the sovereignty of Christ is rich in images of his work in creation and salvation. The church, Paul says, is caught up into the very presence of God.

**GOSPEL READING** Luke 10.38–42 This brief incident contrasts Martha and Mary, sisters in Bethany. One welcomed Jesus in action, one in contemplation. Are these two responses therefore in conflict? Do we have to choose?

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER** Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Services this Sunday**

St Mary’s, Aldermaston 10.45am Morning Praise

St Mary’s, Beenham 9.15am Morning Praise

St Peter’s, Brimpton 9.15am Morning Praise

St Matthew’s, Midgham 9.15am Holy Communion

St Peter’s, Woolhampton 10.45am Holy Communion

**Service next week: 27th July: The Sixth Sunday after Trinity**

St Peter’s, Woolhampton 10.45am Holy Communion

St Matthew’s, Midgham 5pm Sung Evensong

**A date for your diary:** On Saturday 4th October 9.30-11am at Aldermaston Parish Hall. The Bishop of Reading, the Rt Revd Mary Gregory, is going to be the guest speaker at a breakfast. All warmly welcome. Details of tickets will be available soon.

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**Prayers and Pastoral Care** In the Benefice we seek to offer care for everyone in our churches and our communites, especially when they are in a difficult period in their lives. If you need to talk to a someone or would like a home visit, please contact the Rector on 0118 9712 891

You might just need to talk to someone in complete confidence about a personal or family crisis. We will always listen and help if we can. If you would like prayers included in our services on a Sunday for someone who is ill or in need, (providing the person is aware that they are being prayed for), has recently died or on the anniversary of their death, please do let me know. Revd Jane

We pray for those who are ill at this time and remember those who

have recently died and pray for those who grieve:

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