

**FIRST READING**

**Genesis 15: 1-6**

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

**Reader: This is the word of the Lord**

**All: Thanks be to God**

**THE GOSPEL READING**

**Luke 12: 32-40**

**All: Glory to Christ our Saviour**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailling treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

**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, Elsie Lee, Michael Pritchard, Gemma O'Neil, Brian Richardson, Stan Butler, Tony Baines, Josephine Di Leo

***Please pray for these church members at home:***

Gwen Wells, 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

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday Trinity 11	7 <sup>th</sup> August	9.30am 11.15am	Parish Communion Parish Centre Communion
Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup> August	10.15 am 2-5pm	Service of the Word Parish Centre Garden Party – Parish Centre
Thursday	11 <sup>th</sup> August	10.00am	Coffee morning –Parish Centre
Sunday Trinity 12	14 <sup>th</sup> August Janet Mackenzie	9.30am	Parish Communion

## 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

### **Furture dates for your diary.**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August** – 2-5pm – Garden Party (Afternoon Tea)  
Adults £5 – Child under 5 £2.50 under 5 free. Contact 883308 or 575620

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## Welcome to St Margaret's Church, Streatley

**Trinity 11**  
**7<sup>th</sup> August 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.

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.

 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.

## 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**