

Thurs 23rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MADE FOR MORE (SYM) are in conversation with the relevant people about two pilot projects beginning in January. One would be a new partnership with an existing educational establishment, the other would expand their work into the local community, beyond the school gates. Please pray the team may receive wisdom, clarity, resources, funding and the right people to be a part of these new initiatives.
Fri 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remember the war- torn countries around the world and pray for all those agencies working to alleviate suffering. Pray too for the governments and leaders of these countries that they will strive for peace and justice for the people they govern. Remember those known to you in special need of God's love and peace today
Sat 25th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remember those in government, following the General Election, responsible for the funding of Education, Housing and the National Health Service. Remember too the increase in homelessness. Give thanks for all those in our 3 churches who lead us in our worship and minister to us. For those on the audio/visual team, musicians, singers, wardens, welcome team, readers, those who lead us in prayer, vergers, cleaners and the many other folk who quietly do jobs behind the scenes week by week.
Sun 26th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Epiphany 3</u> 8am Holy Communion 10am Christingle Family Service and 6.30pm Encounter... with Holy Communion. Give thanks for our clergy in Team GB and pray for them as they hold their staff meeting tomorrow morning.
Mon 27th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remember Derek Thompson as he prayer walks in Baddow Hall Avenue and Pawle Close during this week. Breakfast and Bibles will be meeting this morning. Following our focus spot on Sunday we pray for those caring for the welfare of children and young people. Pray for areas of the world where children are exploited and traumatised by the situations they witness or are involved in.
Tues 28th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pray for those working in the National Health Service especially those working with the elderly, children and vulnerable adults. Remember too the administrators who face huge challenges regarding finance and front-line nursing. Remember all those involved in planning Messy Tea this afternoon and pray that the children will enjoy their tea, time of activities and Bible story.
Wed 29th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Holy Communion followed by Coffee Pot. Give thanks for our young people and pray for Nikki, Ben and the other leaders as they meet with the young people each week to share and discuss topics relating to their faith and the Christian life. Continue to pray for the problems regarding Climate Change and remember those dealing with the aftermath of the fires in the Amazon Rain Forests, the rise in temperatures which are causing the melting of the Arctic ice and the rise in the oceans and possible flooding of islands.
Thurs 30th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remember those working in Broomfield Hospital, the medical and administrative staff and chaplains, for those working in our NHS in the community and for social care. Give thanks for the many Home Groups we have around Baddow and pray that they will be places where people can grow in their Christian faith, be supported and cared for.
Fri 31st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pray for the demonstrations around our world i.e. situation between China and Hong Kong, China and the Muslims living in the country. Whatever is relevant today please pray for our country, government and members of our parliament.

Tues 14 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please continue to pray for the Chelmsford Foodbank and all the Foodbanks around the country. May we be generous in regularly donating food that can be given to those in need. Remember those who are stressed and anxious over whether they will be able to provide food for their families. The change from Housing Benefit and Income Support to Universal Credit can cause problems for some people. The Foodbanks are in need of more volunteers to cover a variety of jobs. Please see Sally Lowe or Wendy Clarke if you would like to know more. • Remember all those involved in planning Messy Tea this afternoon and pray that the children will enjoy their tea, time of activities and Bible story.
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Thurs 16 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to pray for Café Club and the need for more helpers. • Give thanks for Kylie, Bhim and their children Joshua and Daniel. Continue to pray for Kylie and Bhim working in South East Asia helping to raise awareness in the local churches, schools and communities to the problem of human trafficking. They ask us to pray a) for the battle against spiritual wickedness in high places b) for the people involved in the trafficking c) that those who have been trafficked and feel imprisoned will find freedom and have the courage to move forward.
Fri 17 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank God for all those who help to make our community, here in Great Baddow, such a good place to live – our doctor’s surgeries, shopkeepers, police, community officers and the Community Care group. Pray that more people will volunteer to help with this service to the people in our neighbourhood.
Sat 18 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank God for the many gifted musicians and singers in our churches in Great Baddow. Pray that those involved in this ministry will be sensitive to the Lord and confident when leading worship. • Continue to remember Alex Podd and Steve Finch as they continue their ordination training and Anne Health training for Local Lay Ministry in Chelmsford.
Sun 19 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Epiphany 2</u> • 8am Holy Communion 10am Holy Communion with the theme ‘Lamb of God’ and 6.30pm. Encounter... • Remember the Clergy in the GB Team as they minister today and for their families.
Mon 20 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray for those in our parish who are unable to come to church but who value Holy Communion in their own homes. May they feel part of their church family and enjoy fellowship and friendship with those who visit. • Remember Jacqui Pavey as she prayer walks in Tabors Avenue, Manor Drive, North Drive and the Buckleys during this week.
Tues 21 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray for the treasurers of our 3 churches as they compile the accounts and produce them for the auditors. • Thank God for our thriving Toddler groups at St. Mary’s who meet on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings, for the Coffee shop and Soft Play Area at Meadgate and Messy Church at St. Paul’s Church. Pray that friendships will develop between the helpers and parents/carers and that the children will have fun together.
Wed 22 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to remember the countries where people are suffering at the hands of the Syrian fighters and starvation. Pray that aid will be allowed to enter the countries. • 10am Holy Communion followed by Coffee Pot in Bell Street Hall. • Pray for those suffering as a result of Knife Crime and for those trying to find solutions

Mon 6th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each week please pray that God will bless those who live in the areas where the prayer cards are being delivered and that people will take this opportunity to voice their concerns so, we as a church can dedicate specific prayers for them. • Remember John Kingham prayer walking this week in The Chase, Jeffery Road and Crescent Road. • Pray for the Mid Africa Concern group as they are packing this morning. • Give thanks for Philip, Kate, Kristen and Daniel and pray especially for them today as they plan their move and Philip begins his new role in Colchester.
Tues 7th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Be still and know that I am God” an opportunity to spend time in Meditation every Tuesday at 9.30am in church. • Thank God for Playschool and for the dedication of its teachers and helpers. Pray for them this week as they resume after the Christmas break and especially that any new children will soon settle in and make new friends. • Continue to pray for those going into Baddow Hall School with ‘Open the Book’ and that the children will be attentive and engage with the stories.
Wed 8th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am Holy Communion followed by Coffee Pot in Bell Street Hall. Remember the leaders of Coffee Pot as they meet this lunchtime. • Continue to remember the Right Reverend Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury and for Bishop Stephen, Bishop John, Archdeacon Elizabeth and Rural Dean Tim as they lead the Anglican Church in this Diocese.
Thurs 9th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray that those who are part of our church opening team, on a Thursday and Friday lunchtime, will show God’s love and a warm welcome to any who visit our church. • Pray for wisdom for our Finance and Giving Committees of our 3 churches and that each church member may prayerfully and generously use the resources God has entrusted to us.
Fri 10th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray for an end to modern day slavery and child trafficking across the world remembering those suffering as a result of these crimes and those agencies trying to educate and alleviate the problems. • Give thanks for our clergy and pray for them and all those ministering in our 3 churches this weekend.
Sat 11th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of war: for the bereaved, the injured and disabled, for the mentally distressed, and for those whose faith in God and humanity has been weakened or destroyed. • Remember the 5 Diocese in northern Kenya and especially those studying at St. Andrews’ Theological College and St. Thomas’ Cathedral, in Kenya visited by members of St Mary’s and the Rector Philip Ritchie.
Sun 12th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Epiphany 1</u> • 8am Holy Communion 10am Morning Praise with the theme “ Thanksgiving” and 6.30pm Encounter...with Holy Communion • Fiona Scott will be prayer walking this coming week in Riffhams Drive and Tyrells Way. • Our Team GB clergy will be meeting tomorrow morning to discuss the churches’ mission and ministries in our community of Baddow.
Mon 13th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to pray for CHESS, the charity for the homeless and pray especially for their Severe Weather Project, based in Meadgate Church, during the winter months. • St. Mary’s PCC is meeting this evening. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the discussions and any decisions they take. May we, as a church family, seek His will as to the way forward for our mission and ministry to our community. • Pray for Dot as she leads the Breakfast and Bible group this morning.

Prayers for January 2020

Please use this sheet to help you in your prayers for the world, our community and the members and ministries of St. Mary's and the Great Baddow Team.

Please contact Heather Ansell if you have any items for prayer, praise or thank you would like to include in the monthly church prayer sheet.

Also, please do look at St. Mary's website:
www.stmarysgreatbaddow.org.uk



Wed 1 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Let us give thanks for the way God has guided and supported us as individuals and as churches in the Great Baddow Team during the past year and pray that we will dedicate our lives to Him and to His plans as we begin this New Year. Remember all those who are suffering as a result of the fires in Eastern Australia and for the agencies providing support, medical and material needs and makeshift accommodation. Pray too for all those suffering as a result of the Volcano eruption on White Island in New Zealand, for those grieving the death of loved ones and those who have suffered horrific injuries Coffee Pot in Bell Street Hall.
Thurs 2 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remember Jacqui as she resumes work in the church office and for our clergy in the Great Baddow Team. Continue to pray for Boris Johnson and the government following the election in December. Remember too the large number of new members who were elected. Café Club meet this morning. Pray that the notices advertising this and Coffee Pot will be seen around the village and new folk will venture in.
Fri 3 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remember the children and teachers returning to school next week, after the Christmas break. Continue to pray for the new initiative open to all women entitled 'Gathered' in the Orchard, Meadgate Church on the first Friday of each month. May many women appreciate a time to journey together in worship and the word.
Sat 4 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to pray for world peace, for the heads of state and rulers, that they may have the wisdom to do what is right. For all who work to improve international relationships, Pray for the students returning to college and university. For safety as they travel and the discipline to get on with their studies after the holiday.
Sun 5 th	<p>8am Holy Communion 10am Holy Communion with the theme 'The Magi' and 6.30pm. A Reflective Service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pray too for our children in Powerhouse and for our young people in Pathfinders as their groups resume today. Continue to pray for the release of Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe in Iran and also for her husband and family having had to spend another Christmas and New Year apart. Both our Morning Prayer at 8.30am and our Evening Prayer Meeting at 7pm resume tomorrow. Pray that, as a church family, we may see the importance of meeting together to pray.