

PRAYERS for November 2019

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

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

For other items of prayer, please do look at St. Mary's website: www.stmarysgreatbaddow.org.uk



Fri 1st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whatever is relevant today please pray for our country, Prime Minister, government and members of our parliament. • Pray for all those preparing for 'Glitter and Glo' taking place tomorrow. • Remember the Street Pastors as they minister to people on the streets of Chelmsford, late at night, over the weekend.
Sat 2 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to pray for the clergy and their families in this parish and especially those ministering on Sunday. • Our 2nd Autumn Maintenance day takes place this morning. Pray that many will join with others to give the building and adjoining areas of our church a tidy up before the winter comes. • Our alternative to a Halloween Party 'Glitter and Glo' takes place in St. Mary's this afternoon/evening. Pray that many children will choose to come to this instead of the usual Halloween events.
Sun 3 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank God for all our children and young people and pray for Powerhouse and Pathfinders as they meet today. • 8am Holy Communion 10am Holy Communion 1 John 'God is Love' 6.30pm a service led by our Pathfinder Group entitled 'Herod II'. • Remember our Diocesan links with the 5 Dioceses in Northern Kenya and Kalstat in Sweden.
Mon 4 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Mid- Africa Concern group meet this morning. Give thanks for the Christmas gifts that have been given to MAC for the staff at Potters Village. Please pray that the parcels will reach the village in time for Christmas and will show our love and be a blessing to all who receive them. Remember too Kisiizi and Kagando Hospitals. • Remember the situation between China and Hong Kong and for those involved in the demonstrations on the streets of Hong Kong. Other demonstrations have been held on the streets of Barcelona and in London. Pray for wisdom and diplomacy for the Police Forces as they deal with the huge number of people in one area.
Tues 5 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Be still and know that I am God' an opportunity for Christian Meditation in church at 9.30am each Tuesday morning. • 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. • Remember James Mephram and Katherine Goatly as they make final preparations for their Wedding on Friday.

Wed 6 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray for Christians in education seeking to protect and maintain teaching about the belief and practice of Christianity within the National Curriculum. Remember Made for More (Schools Youth Ministry) as they go into schools to take classes, assemblies etc. • Continue to remember the countries where there is fighting - Syria, Turkey, Iran, Iraq Yemen etc.
Thurs 7 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray for all those working in industry and commerce during these difficult times and pray for those who have lost jobs or who are finding it hard to support their families. • Remember our link missionaries Kylie and Bhim working in South East Asia. Pray for them and all those working to alleviate human trafficking and the exploitation of children and young people around the world, sadly this includes our own country. Pray too for Kylie, Bhim and their little children.
Fri 8 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray for James and Katherine getting married in St. Mary's today. May this be a very special day for them, their families and friends. • Continue to pray that our church opening at lunchtimes, on a Thursday and Friday will be an active way of welcoming and ministering to folk in our community.
Sat 9 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potters Village- Give thanks for: a. the good reputation of the Medical Centre for its cleanliness and care; b. for the number of lives saved through the existence of Potters Village. Pray for: a. long-term foster families for children who cannot be resettled with their biological families; b. the coffee crop that it will flourish and be a good source of income for the village. • 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 and prayers, vergers, cleaners and the many other folk who quietly do jobs behind the scenes week by week.
Sun 10 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8am Holy Communion 10am Remembrance Sunday Service. Give thanks for all those who have served or are serving in our Armed Forces and pray for the families and friends of those who have given their lives to help and protect others. • 6.30pm. Encounter ... with Holy Communion.
Mon 11 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our PCC meet this evening. May they listen to each other and seek God's Will in the decisions they take relating to the life and ministries of St. Mary's. • Pray for those attending Breakfast and Bibles this morning and for Dot Cumming as she leads this group. • Remember our clergy in this parish as they plan and prepare for our Christmas services and events.
Tues 12 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray for those families in the UK – representing one in four children – who live in relative poverty and are beset by debt. Pray especially for those who miss out on benefits they are entitled to because they cannot understand the system, or they lack the courage and confidence to seek help. Remember the work of the UK Foodbank network • Whatever is relevant today please pray for our country, Prime Minister, government and members of our parliament.
Wed 13 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am Holy Communion in the Prayer Chapel followed by Coffee Pot in Bell Street Hall. • Pray for Phil Sheldrake and the teachers as they bring Larkrise Year 4 pupils to visit St. Mary's as part of their school project. • Pray for the problems relating to drug abuse and the selling of drugs (County Lines).

Thurs 14th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Café Club outing is to Perrywoods Garden Centre this morning. May this be a safe and enjoyable time and an opportunity for folk to see the Christmas Festivities and share friendship over a cup of coffee/tea etc. • Continue to pray for the problems relating to knife crime. For the agencies and youth workers helping educate young people and to address the problems caused by gang culture.
Fri 15th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHESS SLEEP-OUT takes place on 22nd November in the grounds of Chelmsford Cathedral. Pray this annual event will be well supported. If you would like more information phone 01245 281104 or look at the website. • Pray about the impact of imprisonment on families – financially, socially, emotionally and mentally. Think about the lone parents and their children that they will receive all the support they require from social services, schools, medical professionals and other local groups including Christian church communities.
Sat 16th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For grace and wisdom to medical, nursing and allied health professionals, chaplains and carers on the front line of medical ethics, treating and caring for seriously ill patients suffering from severe pain and distress. Pray God will help them as they make difficult decisions to uphold the value and dignity of human life. • Continue to pray for the persecuted church around the world who have been driven from their homes and in many cases murdered for no other crime than their faith.
Sun 17th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8am Holy Communion 10am Holy Communion 1 John 'Victory'. At this service we will include a mission focus spot on the work of CHESS. 6.30pm Encounter ... • Pray for all those ministering to us today. • Remember any known to you in need of God's love and strength at this time.
Mon 18th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give thanks that we have so many gifted musicians and singers at St. Mary's. Please pray for Ann Fitz as she plans the programme and conducts the choir for the Carols by Candlelight service this Christmas. • Thank God for all the volunteers who faithfully give of their time and skills to assist folk who approach the Baddow Community Care Group for help.
Tues 19th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book Club meets this evening. Pray that people will bring their friends and enjoy fellowship together as they discuss books they have read. • Pray for all those who have suffered due to the heavy rains and flooding. Remember too those suffering as a result of the typhoon in Japan.
Wed 20th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank God for the many home groups around our parish and pray for the leaders as they prepare week by week. • Pray for the countries affected by the Global Financial problems and pray for those working in the financial sector. • Continue to remember Kate, Philip, Kristen and Daniel as they prepare to move to a new house and Philip begins his new role in the Colchester area of this Diocese.
Thurs 21st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask God to guide the business of the European Parliament. Pray for Christians working in Brussels, Strasbourg and Luxembourg to be effective light and salt, wherever they are • Remember our Playschool, for the staff, helpers and committee that they will be guided as they share ideas and make plans which affect the young children in their care. • As the Traidcraft and Tearcraft catalogues are in church pray that we will support this and in doing so help those in the third world.

Fri 22nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHESS SLEEP-OUT takes place tonight in the grounds of Chelmsford Cathedral. Pray this annual event will be well supported. If you would like more information phone 01245 281104 or look at their website. • This evening Pathfinders will be holding a Social evening in St. Mary's. Pray for safety and fun as they share together and for energy for the leaders at the end of a busy week.
Sat 23rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray for the areas of unrest around the world, remembering especially those seeking justice and peace in Syria, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Turkey and the Yemen. Pray too for all those who have lost loved ones during these conflicts or have sustained life-changing injuries.
Sun 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8am Holy Communion 10am FAMILY GIFT SERVICE. Remember the work of the Ascension Church reaching out to folk in their area and pray that our gifts will be a blessing to all who receive them. During this service we will be baptising Freya and Maddox Jarvis. May this be a very special service for their family and friends. 6.30pm 'Encounter...' Holy Communion • Pray for those known to you in special need.
Mon 25th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast and Bibles are meeting this morning. Pray that those attending will enjoy sharing breakfast and studying God's Word together. • Pray for those who are unable to come to St. Mary's but who value Holy Communion in their own homes that they may feel part of our church family and enjoy fellowship and friendship with those who visit. • Remember our clergy as they hold their weekly Team GB staff meeting this morning.
Tues 26th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remember those in our congregation who work in our schools as teachers, governors, assistants and secretaries. • Continue to pray for the work of Prison Ministry. For the chaplains and those leading Alpha Courses and Sycamore Tree courses that many lives will be impacted and transformed. Pray also for the children and families of prisoners who will receive Christmas gifts through the Angel Tree programme.
Wed 27th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray for the practical arrangements for the meal on Friday for parents of children who attend our Toddler Groups. May this be well attended and a good opportunity for the leaders to get to know the parents. • 10am Holy Communion. Coffee Pot in Bell Street Hall from 10am until 12 noon. • Pray for safety for Dave Chesney who is coming from the Ascension Church, in Victoria Docks, in London to collect the gifts we gave at our gift Service last Sunday. May our gifts be a blessing to all who receive them.
Thurs 28th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to pray that our church opening at lunchtimes will be an active way of welcoming and ministering to folk in our community. • Remember Café Club meeting this morning. • Continue to pray for the environmental issues – rise in the oceans, melting ice, Amazon rain forest fires, droughts in Botswana and other areas of Africa.
Fri 29th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray for those preparing for the meal this evening for the parents of our Toddler groups. May the guests feel relaxed, enjoy an evening out and an opportunity to meet others who have young children.
Sat 30th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remember all those ministering at our 3 churches in the Gt Baddow team. • May we prepare ourselves as we approach the season of Advent (Beginning on the 1st December).