

Prayers for JUNE 2016

Please use this to help you in your prayers for our world, our community and our ministries at St Mary's Church. Please contact Heather Ansell if you have any items for prayer, praise or thanks you would like including in the monthly prayer sheet. Also please do look at Mary's website.

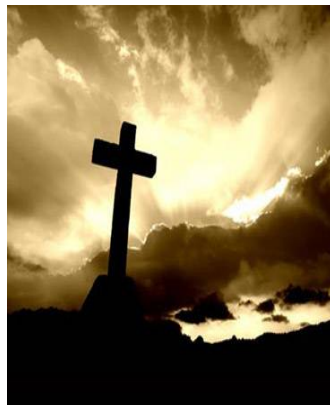
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A prayer for ourselves during 2016

Lord Jesus Christ,

We thank you for your gracious invitation to COME AND SEE all that you have done for us. As we respond to your call of discipleship, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly day by day.

By your Holy Spirit, give us the boldness to invite others to come and see for themselves, that they too might become followers of you. Amen.



Wed 1 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pray for the migrants fleeing Africa and the Middle East. For the countries struggling to accommodate them and the European Governments and their response to this crisis. Remember our Government, local and national and may they protect the poor and vulnerable and do all they can to make our nation a place of fairness and peace. Continue to pray 'Thy Kingdom Come' for the evangelization of our nation.
Thurs 2 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank God for those willing to stand on our PCCs and the other sub-committees in our 3 churches. Pray that they will be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit . Continue to pray for the people of Ecuador, Japan, Canada and Sri Lanka as they try and come to terms with the devastation of the earthquakes, fires and mud slides experienced recently. Remember those known to you in special need of prayer.
Fri 3 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pray for the teachers and students in our schools and colleges as June and July are extremely stressful months as its examination time. Pray for any known to us facing exams and making decisions regarding further studies or employment. As we open our doors to CHELMSFORD 24/7 prayer space at St. Mary's, on the first Friday of each month between 11.30am – 2pm., we pray that many will take this opportunity to join in prayer for our city of Chelmsford.
Sat 4 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give thanks for all who lead worship and minister to us in our 3 churches. For those on the audio/visual team, musicians, singers, wardens, welcome team, readers and prayers, vergers, cleaners, flower arrangers and the many other folk who quietly do jobs behind the scenes week by week. Pray for all the plans for the Queen's 90th birthday afternoon tea taking place next Saturday.
Sun 5 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8am Holy Communion 10am Holy Communion with the theme Unwrapping God's Gift – Sharing the Gift and 4pm Switched On! Summer. Continue to remember the countries where there is fighting and unrest. Pray too for our Christian politicians that they may have the courage to stand by their Christian values. Give thanks for Stuart in the church office and pray for him in his varied duties. Remember the families and friends of those who have died in the plane crash in Egypt.

Mon 6 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to pray for our clergy and their families, Philip and Kate, Sue and Glenn, Tim and Anita, Phil and Abigail, Roger and Di, Graham and Ruth. Remember also Sandy and Tim as they continue to minister, although retired, in our Diocese. Bible and Babies meet to study the Bible this morning. Pray for Archbishop Justin Welby, Bishop Stephen and Bishop John in their leadership roles within the Anglican Church. Remember too The Venerable Elizabeth Snowden as she settles into her ministry within this Diocese.
Tues 7 th	<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. Continue to pray for Lynsey, Stephen and the team working for the Schools Youth Ministry and as they go into our schools and share the Good News of Jesus with the youngsters. The Far East Broadcasting Association reports that although the security situation within Iraq remains highly tense Iraq FM is continuing to minister in the area.
Wed 8 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kylie and Bhim ask us to join the Church in India– to prevent human trafficking and pray <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. that people will spot the warning signs and will not be trafficked through false relationships and false offers of work, b. that God will confuse the plans and efforts of the traffickers and that the church will seek to protect their own communities. Continue to pray for our young people in Crossfire and for their leaders. Give thanks for all those who attend St. Mary's Toddler groups on Wed. Thurs and Friday mornings, for St. Paul's group meeting on Wednesday mornings and for the Coffee and Soft Play Area at The Orchard, Meadgate.
Thurs 9 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many young people will be coming home from university so pray that we, as church families, will welcome them and chat with them. A group of men, from our church family, are cycling from Chelmsford to Brussels over the next few days. Pray for safety as they travel and that they will enjoy fellowship together whilst away. Pray too for the drivers/support team. They will be returning on Sunday. Remember Elizabeth, Philip and the team as they meet this evening to continue planning for the Holiday Club 'A Whale of a Tale' beginning on the 26th July.
Fri 10 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The parish is holding a Marriage Preparation Course this evening and tomorrow for those preparing to be married this year. Pray for the clergy as they lead and for the couples that they will feel relaxed. Continue to pray for the Street Pastors as they minister to people on the streets of Chelmsford, late at night, over the weekend. Pray for all the arrangements for the Anglia Choral Singers Concert next Friday in aid of Mid Africa Concern.
Sat 11 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pray for those who are unable to come to church but who value Holy Communion in their own homes that they may feel part of our church families and enjoy fellowship and friendship with those who visit. Remember those working in our National Health Service especially Social Workers and agencies helping children, young people and the elderly. Afternoon tea to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday takes place today. Pray for all the arrangement and for safety as people travel to St. Mary's. Remember too Bishop Stephen as he joins the celebrations.

Sun 12 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8am Holy Communion 10am Morning Praise with the theme Enjoying God's Gift – Generously Giving Ourselves and 6.30pm. Encounter... with Holy Communion. Remember those Ordinands from Meadgate Church already studying, Jackie Thornton, Simon Peace and Andy Brown and pray for Chris Smith and Tom Warmington as they prepare to begin Ordination training in September.
Mon 13 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give thanks for all those who help with Mid Africa Concern and pray for:- <u>Potters Village</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> for stamina and good health for Mike, Sue and Rosie as they head up the team. Funding for the Nutritional Unit and completion of the new Hostel. <u>Kagando Hospital</u> for stamina for day to day challenges for Rob and Jen and Richard and Jane as they organise and inspire the workers there.
Tues 14 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give thanks for those helping with the Food Banks in Chelmsford and continue to pray for the work of the UK Foodbank network and for their ministry to those struggling to feed themselves and their families. Remember those Christians known to you working in industry, commerce and the financial sector.
Wed 15 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Holy Communion followed by Coffee Pot. Pray for those working in Prison Fellowship. For those running courses such as Alpha that they will know God's guidance as they prepare and that the Holy Spirit will work in the hearts and minds of the inmates and that many lives will be changed.
Thurs 16 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prior to the EU Referendum there will be a Prayer Vigil at Chelmsford Cathedral organised by Churches Together in Essex and East London. A series of creative prayer installations will enable people to pray and reflect on the issues surrounding the referendum and our place in the global community. Give thanks for Coffee Pot and Café Club at St. Mary's and for the Coffee and Soft Play Area at The Orchard, Meadgate and for the service these are to so many in our local community. Pray for positive and welcoming conversations and relationships between all who attend.
Fri 17 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pray for the role of the United Nations, governments and others seeking peace in countries where there is much unrest. Pray also for North Korea, Syria and other countries where people live under oppression and in poverty, and our brothers and sisters in Christ who face persecution for their faith.
Sat 18 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank God for all the leaders of our young people's groups in our 3 churches and for their commitment and varied gifts. Pray that, where there is a need for more leaders, people will prayerfully consider whether to offer to help. Pray that many folk will turn up today to tackle some of the maintenance tasks around our church and buildings.
Sun 19 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fathers' Day tomorrow – Remember those who find it an extremely difficult day. 8am Holy Communion 10am Holy Communion with the theme Enjoying God's Gift – Generously Giving our Money and. 6.30pm. 'Encounter...' Continue to give thanks for all the Schools Youth Ministry does within our schools and pray that their Annual Celebration Service at 6pm in Springfield Park Baptist Church will be a joyful occasion and well supported.
Mon 20 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remember Trish Bellenie prayer walking in Craiston Way, Craiston Mews and Woodstock Place during this week and pray for those living in these areas. Pray for Guy Willis who will be ordained Priest today in the church where he is serving; St. Alban the Martyr, Holborn. Remember also his wife Lois, his training vicar Fr Christopher and the people of his church.

Tues 21 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Book Club is meeting this evening. • Remember our schools in the parish and give thanks for the opportunity we have to take 'Open the Book into Baddow Hall Infant and Junior School. • Continue to give thanks for our clergy and pray for them and their families.
Wed 22 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray for our three churches in this parish that we may encourage and support each other and work together to share the Good News of Jesus in the parish. • Continue to pray for the need for a new administrator for Meadgate Church. • Remember those known to you in special need of prayer.
Thurs 23 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU Referendum – Pray, reflect, vote!! • Remember those on the church opening rota. Thank God for their willingness to serve in this way and pray that all who visit will find a welcome and peace and a place where God's love is shown.
Fri 24 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to pray for Matt Houghton and his family as they settle into Baddow. Matt is on retreat prior to his Ordination as Deacon this coming Saturday. • Remember the leaders and young people in Cool Connections. • Pray for those in the teaching profession and for School governors that they may have wisdom when making decisions regarding the children and the running of their schools.
Sat 25 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to pray for all the arrangements for our 'A Whale of a Tale' Holiday Club' to be held at the end of July. • Pray that many folk will turn up today to tackle some of the maintenance tasks around our church and buildings
Sun 26 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8am Holy Communion 10am Family Service when we will be welcoming the Houghton family. The theme of this service is Enjoying God's Gift – Generously Giving. A BBQ lunch will follow this service. 6.30pm. A Meditative Holy Communion, • Remember the 3 Finance Committees in our churches as they seek guidance regarding the use of their funds and that we as church members will prayerfully consider our giving.
Mon 27 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray for the preparations for the Bradwell Festival taking place on the 2nd and 3rd July and for the speakers, Bishop Stephen and Dave Walker, a cartoonist with the Church Times. • Thank God for the way He has guided and provided for CHESS over many years and give thanks also that the accounts are now with the Auditors.
Tues 28 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Playschool is holding its Open Evening tonight. • Thank God for our community of Baddow and pray for all those who help to make it a special place to live. • Remember those in our 3 churches leading camps and house parties this summer. Pray for them as they plan activities and outings and that the teams of leaders will work well together.
Wed 29 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray for the role of the United Nations and others seeking peace and the agencies working to help those affected by war. Continue to remember those in our Armed Forces as they seek to bring stability to countries where there is unrest. • Following the referendum pray for our government and the members of the EU.
Thurs 30 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray for the arrangements for the Mid Africa Concern Strawberry Tea being held on the 2nd July and pray also that it will be generously supported. • Pray for Sue Finch and Mark Pavey as they go on retreat prior to their Ordination as priests this coming weekend.