

Prayers for MARCH 2017

Please use this to help you in your prayers for the members and the ministries of our 3 churches in the Team Ministry in Great Baddow. Please contact Heather Ansell if you have any items for prayer, praise or thanks.

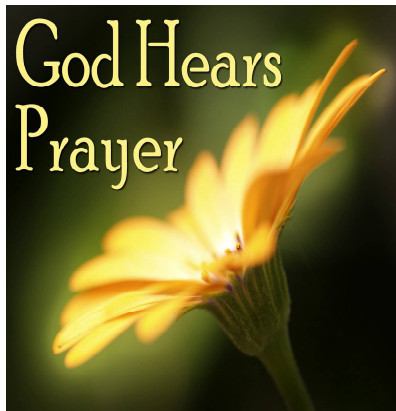
A Prayer for 2017

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for all that you have done for us through your son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

By your Holy Spirit help us to look to what lies ahead, pressing on as we seek to serve you in your church and in your world

May others come to know your love through our witness and so join with us in running the race that you have called us to finish Amen.



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| Wed 1st | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASH WEDNESDAY – Holy Communion at 8pm in St. Paul's Church. Pray that many from all 3 of our Baddow churches will join together in worship. • Give thanks and pray for our clergy and their families, Philip and Kate, Tim and Anita, Phil and Abigail, Sue and Glenn, Matt and Kirsty, Roger and Di and Graham and Ruth. Give thanks also for Tim Pigrem and Sandy Southee for their work within the Diocese and for their willingness to help out when required. |
| Thurs 2nd | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give thanks for all those who help with Coffee Pot and Café Club and pray that the people who visit will always find friendship, a feeling of acceptance and experience something of God's love. • Remember Linda Lane as she leaves Kigali and starts her return journey back to the UK • Pray for the congregations of all three churches as they journey through Lent and prepare to celebrate Easter. |
| Fri 3rd | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to pray for the countries where there is fighting and unrest. • Pray for Linda as she lands in the UK this morning and as she settles back into family life in Baddow. • 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 4th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remember our young people in Crossfire and Pathfinders and give thanks for their commitment and enthusiasm. Pray that the young people will grow and mature spiritually. • Pray for the ongoing rehearsals for the musical 'Let there be Light' and especially for Mark Brown as he directs the production and John Kingham as he prepares the music. |
| Sun 5th | <p>1st Sunday in Lent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8am Holy Communion 10am Holy Communion - theme '7 Deadly Sins – Anger and Peace 6.30pm Pathfinder Service 'Horrible Bible Stories in 7th Heaven' • Pray for our clergy in this parish as they hold their staff meeting tomorrow morning. |

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| Mon 6 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remember the treasurers in our 3 churches in the Baddow Team and for the people who are examining the accounts. Pray for the governments and leaders of our world that they will seek justice for all and be honest in their discussions especially with difficult issues. |
| Tues 7 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 this morning and each Tuesday morning. Remember those who run the Foodbanks across the country. Pray for those helping with the Foodbank in Great Baddow, for those who desperately need help and ourselves as we have the opportunity to provide food etc. here at St. Mary's. |
| Wed 8 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Holy Communion followed by Coffee Pot in Bell Street Hall. Remember those who are finding it hard to find employment and those affected by financial problems. Pray for 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. |
| Thurs 9 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pray for Christians around the world that are being persecuted and live in fear because of their faith. Thank God for our community in Baddow and pray for all those who help to make it a special place to live, Doctors, Police, Shop assistants etc. Pray that we, as a church family, may know how best to serve the people in this village. |
| Fri 10 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to pray that as Christians in this parish we will not be ashamed to share our faith with others in our neighbourhood. The parish is holding a Marriage Preparation Course this evening and tomorrow for those preparing to be married this year. Pray that all who attend will feel relaxed and able to discuss together issues and topics relating to Christian marriage. |
| Sat 11 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remember the work of the Schools Youth Ministry and pray for Lynsey in her administrative role and as she and the other members of the team go into the schools, around Chelmsford, and take lessons, assemblies etc. Pray too for Dot Cumming and Kate Gowen, members of our church family, who also go into our schools as mentors. Remember the Right Reverend Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury and pray for him in his important role as leader of the Anglican Church. |
| Sun 12 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd Sunday in Lent_ 8am Holy Communion 10am Morning Praise with a Focus on Tearfund. 6.30pm 'Encounter.... with Holy Communion' Pray for those known to you in need of God's love and strength at the moment. |
| Mon 13 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to pray for the work of CHESSE, the charity for the homeless in Chelmsford. Give thanks for the provision of funds, staff, volunteers and properties and pray that the Trustees will be open to the direction of the Holy Spirit as they seek the way forward. Thank God for all those on our PCC and the many other sub-committees in our churches in the team. Pray that they will be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit as they discuss ways forward for us as a church. Remember those in our world suffering due to famine and drought. Pray for agencies working to bring help to these people. |

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| Tues 14 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to pray for the paid chaplains and voluntary chaplains working in our hospitals, prisons, the Armed Forces and Industry. Give thanks that Baddow Hall School welcomes 'Open the Book' and pray for those visiting the school and telling the Bible story this morning and those hearing the stories. |
| Wed 15 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remember our Toddler groups who meet on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. Thank God for all those who give of their time to run these mornings and pray for safety for the children as they play and good conversations with their parents/carers. Pray that many will take the opportunity to come and spend 'An Evening with Michelle Guinness' this coming Saturday at 7.30pm. |
| Thurs 16 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pray for areas of the world where there is unrest e.g. Syria, Sudan, Africa, Iraq, Afghanistan and Iran. For their politicians, leaders and those working to bring peace, justice and aid. Pray for those leading the Tiny Church service this afternoon. May the carers/parents and their little ones enjoy meeting together, joining in the activities and have a sense of worshipping God. |
| Fri 17 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank God for those on our Welcome Team, those who help serve coffee, those on the audio/visual team, the musicians, and singers, the wardens, readers and prayers, the vergers, cleaners, flower arrangers and the many other folk who quietly do jobs behind the scenes. Pray that the people who visit will always find friendship, a feeling of acceptance and experience something of God's love. |
| Sat 18 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pray for wisdom and discernment for Tim Ball and Meadgate Church regarding the future of the Orchards if the council want the building back when the lease expires in July. For all the preparations for Michelle Guinness's visit to St. Mary's this evening. Continue to 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 to the community around us. |
| Sun 19 th | <p>3rd Sunday in Lent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8am Holy Communion 10am Holy Communion - theme '7 Deadly Sins – Greed and Generosity 4pm SWITCHED ON SPRING Give thanks for all those who help in any way with this group and pray that this will be a way of reaching out to our Community. Please note there will be no 6.30pm service this evening. 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 Derek Thompson prayer walking in the Causeway, Barclay Close, the Hatleys, New Road, Jackson Court and Hall Close during this coming week. |
| Mon 20 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MAC will be packing parcels this morning in Bell Street Hall. Mid Africa Concern have requested that we pray for the following; - Kagando Hospital – Pray for protection from the potentially deadly virus of Avian flu which is rampant in Uganda at present. Potters Village- Pray for their new Ugandan Administrator Emmanuel Mujuni. Kisizzi Hospital- Thank God for the safe arrival of the container. (Knitted clothes gratefully received). |
| Tues 21 st | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remember Kylie and Bhim working in India and little Joshua. They ask us to pray that God will confuse the plans and efforts of the traffickers and that God will equip them as they train leaders and development workers. Pray too for Kylie's health. Give thanks for those who come to the Book Club and pray that new members will join. |

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| Wed 22 nd | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 am Holy Communion followed by Coffee Pot. Remember the Street Pastors on the streets of Chelmsford at night during the weekends. Pray that this time of Lent may lead us closer to God. |
| Thurs 23 rd | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remember Bishops Stephen and John and Archdeacon Elizabeth as they lead the churches in this Diocese. Pray too for Roger Matthews, Graham Hamborg, Steve Kersys and Sally Matthewson working in the Diocesan office and Mary Kersys PA to Bishop Stephen and Helen Willis PA to Archdeacon Elizabeth. Continue to pray that our church opening at lunchtimes will be an active way of welcoming and ministering to folk in our community. |
| Fri 24 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Think of those who are unable to come to St. Mary's but who value Holy Communion in their own homes and pray that they may feel part of our church family and enjoy fellowship and friendship with those who visit. |
| Sat 25 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remember the huge number of refugees who have had to leave homes and families and for the countries struggling to accommodate, feed and deal with their needs. Remember those working in the National Health Service. May they show kindness, sensitivity and give the best quality of care to those they look after. |
| Sun 26 th | <p>Mothering Sunday 4th Sunday in Lent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8am Holy Communion 10am Family Service – Give thanks for our children, young people and their leaders and pray for those taking part in our worship this morning. Pray for those who struggle with their feelings and emotions on this special day. 6.30pm Encounter...with Holy Communion |
| Mon 27 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pray for those in government, local and national. Remember especially the problems regarding the National Health Service. Pray for the ongoing rehearsals for the musical 'Let there be Light' and especially for Mark Brown as he directs the production and John Kingham as he prepares the music. |
| Tues 28 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remember those involved in the preparation for the Women's Prayer Breakfast this coming Saturday. Playschool is holding its Easter Service in St. Mary's today. Pray that, although the children are very young, they may be able to experience something of the true meaning of Easter. Pray too that many parents/carers will attend. |
| Wed 29 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pray for Jacqui in our church office and for the administrators at the other 2 churches as they begin to prepare the reports etc. for their Annual Church Meetings in April. Pray for all those planning camps and house parties that God will guide them as they get their team of leaders together and plan the activities and programmes. Pray too, that as the brochures are circulated, many children and young people will be interested in going |
| Thurs 30 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baddow Hall Infant School is holding its Easter Service today. Pray for the children, teachers and visitors that they may experience something of the true meaning of Easter. Remember Cool Connections Club Night tomorrow evening. |
| Fri 31 st | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As our 3 churches approach their Annual Meetings, may we prayerfully consider whom we might nominate for positions on our PCCs and Church Wardens and whether God's is calling us to stand for election. |