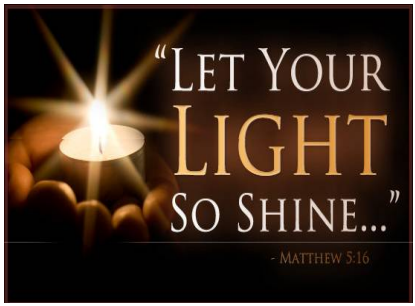
Prayers for May 2018

Please use this sheet 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 you would like to include in the monthly church prayer sheet**. Also, please do look at St. Mary' website: *www.stmarysgreatbaddow.org.uk*



Tues 1st	• "**Be still and know that I am God"** an opportunity to spend time in Meditation every Tuesday at 9.30am in church. • Remember the clergy and their families in the 3 churches in the Great Baddow Team. • Pray for Meadgate, The Orchard, regarding the future of the building. May God give wisdom to Tim Ball and the PCC. • Our Ministry Leadership Team meet this evening so pray that each member will be guided by the Holy Spirit as they discuss the mission and ministries at St. Mary's
Weds 2nd	• For our 3 churches and those who were elected as members of the PCCs, wardens and deputy wardens. Pray for them as they take up their positions for the coming year. • 10am Holy Communion followed by Coffee Pot in Bell Street Hall. • Give thanks for our Royal Family and their commitment and dedication. Remember especially Harry and Megan as they prepare for their special day.
Thurs 3rd	• Both Coffee Pot and Café Club would value more helpers, so if you think this is something God wants you to help with see either Sally Lowe or Jenny Arthur. • Pray for those known to us who are planning camps and house parties for young people this summer, may they be guided as they plan their teams and the various activities and programmes. Remember especially Alexandra Podd leading a Falcon Camp for the first time this year.
Fri 4th	• 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. • Continue to pray for the Street Pastors as they minister to people on the streets of Chelmsford, late at night, over the weekends.
Sat 5th	• Continue to pray for the talks between the USA, North and South Korea. Pray too for the nuclear weapons situation especially in North Korea. • Pray for our Government and Prime Minister as they communicate with the Windrush people, that they will be understanding and compensate those who have been dealt with very unfairly.
Sun 6th	• 8am Holy Communion 10am Holy Communion with the theme 'Abraham and Sarah – Th Calling' • 4pm A Coffee Pot and Café Club Songs of Praise. Give thanks for all those who join us at Coffee Pot and Café Club week by week and pray that they will feel able to come along th afternoon and be blessed by this service.
Mon 7th	• **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 Fiona Scott as she prayer walks in The Causeway, Barclay Close, the Hatleys, New Road, Jackson Court and Hall Close during this week.

Tues 8th	• Today is the first day for bookings to be taken for The Showstoppers Holiday Club 2018 in July. Pray that this will be well advertised and that many new children will want to come so that new contacts can be made with other families in our area. • Remember Archbishop Justin Welby and Bishop Stephen in their leadership roles within the Anglican Church. Remember too Archdeacon Elizabeth and her ministry within this Diocese. Pray for Bishop John, as he prepares to take up his role as Bishop of Bradwell.
Weds 9th	• Pray for the plans for the Baddow Races on the 13th May in the Recreation Ground and for the Gt. Baddow Team who will be having a stall. Pray this will be an opportunity to meet people and share with them the Good News that we have for Great Baddow and offer prayer for those who would find it helpful. • 10am Holy Communion followed by Coffee Pot.
Thurs 10th	• **ASCENSION DAY 'THY KINGDOM COME' – 10th to 20th May 2018 #PLEDGE2PRAY** • **Join the global wave of Prayer** • 8pm. Team Holy Communion at The Orchard Meadgate. • Sue and Kirsty are leading the 'Tiny Church' service this afternoon. May many pre-school children and their parents/carers enjoy worshipping together and taking part in the activities • Pray that we will respond to the need for people to distribute and collect the Christian Aid envelopes around the parish. Thank God for all those agencies working to bring practical help, support and care to those in desperate need.
Fri 11th	• Continue to pray for Kylie and Bhim as they work in India and for all the agencies 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. • Continue to pray for those in the Armed Forces as they seek to bring stability to countries where there is war and for the agencies working to help those affected. Pray too for relationships between USA, China, Russia and Syria. For wisdom for those involved in making decisions regarding air strikes on Syria.
Sat 12th	• Remember those who will be attending the Baptism Preparation Session today. May they feel relaxed, able to ask questions and share together. • 9.30am 'Prayer Kite Walk' walking. Meet at your home church for creative fun and a walk to Baddow Rec.
Sun 13th	• Pray for those from our 3 churches attending the Great Baddow Charity Races today and especially those who are part of Team GB "visible presence". • 8am Holy Communion 10am Morning Praise with the Mission Focus on Christian Aid. The theme today is 'Abraham and Sarah – The Land' 6.30pm Encounter … with Holy Communion.
Mon 14th	• 6.30am at Meadgate The Orchards Men's' Prayer Breakfast and then 24/7 Prayer from 7.30am.and 'Praying the Lord's Prayer from 7pm. • St. Mary's PCC. Pray especially for the new members that they will feel welcome, valued and confident to join in the discussions. • Mid Africa Concern meet this morning to pack up parcels to be sent to Rwanda and Uganda. • Pray for John and Heather Ansell as they prayer walk in Riffhams Drive and Tyrells Way and for John Kingham prayer walking in Jeffery Road and Crescent Road this week. • Remember those known to you in need of God's love and peace at this time.

Tues 15th	• 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 heating and food for their families during the winter months. • Remember the Book Club meeting tonight. Pray that they will be welcoming to new folk and that they will continue to enjoy discussing books together.
Weds 16th	• 8pm. 'Prayer Stations' at St. Paul's • Continue to pray for God's intervention in the war-torn areas of our world and pray too for our brothers and sisters in Christ who face persecution for their faith. • Remember the countries of Syria and the Yemen and its people suffering at the hands of the Syrian fighters. Pray that aid will be allowed to enter the countries and that the aid workers will not be hindered in its distribution.
Thurs 17th	• St. Mary's is open each Thursday and Friday lunchtime. Pray that those who come in will find a place of rest and peace. • 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.
Fri 18th	• Continue to remember those facing redundancy and those seeking employment. • Kagando Hospital – Give thanks for good attendance by staff, students and patients at an Alpha Course currently in progress at the hospital. Also encouraging is that several women on the fistula ward have committed their lives to Christ. Pray for effective follow-up for both these groups.
Sat 19th	• Remember Prince Harry and Megan as they are married today in Windsor Castle. Pray for safety for all attending and the Security agencies and Police. May they know God's blessing as they begin their married lives together. • Thank God for the dedication of the staff, helpers and trustees of Playschool and schools within our parish. Pray for any known to us working in Education. • Give thanks for all those who help with the repairs and upkeep of our buildings and pray that many will come today to help with the Spring Maintenance.
Sun 20th	**Pentecost Sunday** 8am Holy Communion 10am Holy Communion and 6.30pm. 'Pentecost Praise' at St. Mary's. • Continue to remember our children and young people's work within our parish. For Steph the Youth Minister at Meadgate and all who teach our young people in the 3 churches. Pray too for Messy Church at St. Paul's that it will make connections with young families and children.
Mon 21st	• Our Bibles and Babies group meets this morning in Bell Street Hall. • Thank God for our clergy and their families. Pray for the GB Team as they hold their staff meeting this morning. • Remember those known to you in need of God's love and peace at this time.
Tues 22nd	• Remember the continued discussions regarding Brexit and our relationships with Europe. • Remember Kisiizi Hospital. Give thanks for the 60th Anniversary celebrations and for the maintaining of standards of excellence which the hospital has a reputation for. Pray for wisdom for Ann Moore in her role as teacher and senior nurse, and as she distributes the items sent in our parcels.

Wed 23rd	• 10am Holy Communion followed by Coffee Pot in Bell Street Hall. • Continue to pray for Myanmar and the Rohingya people who have become refugees and are living in camps in Bangladesh.
Thurs 24th	• 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. • Continue to remember the father, daughter and policeman poisoned in Salisbury. Give thanks that they are all out of hospital and pray for them that they will be given protection and adjust to a very different way of life.
Fri 25th	• Pray for our mission partners across the world. • Remember Tom Bedwell and Amy Curties as they have a wedding rehearsal today and make the final preparations for their wedding this coming Monday. Pray that this will be a very joyful day for them, their families and friends and that God will bless them as they begin their married lives.
Sat 26th	• Remember our Diocesan Links with the 5 Diocese in Kenya. Pray especially for Marsabit and for Bishop Stephen's Lent Appeal. May people be generous in their giving towards buying a water bowser to enable water to be transported to the arid areas of Northern Kenya. • **Potters Village-** Pray for meeting daily needs, spiritually, financially and practically. For harmony between those who care for the babies, for nurses in the Medical Centre and the admin staff. Pray for the President and National Government of Uganda, for the curbing of greed and corruption at all levels of management and security.
Sun 27th	• **Trinity Sunday** 8am Holy Communion 10am Family Service including the Baptism of Jack Bullock. Pray that this will be a very special service for Jack, his family and friends. 6.30pm. Encounter …with Holy Communion. • As this coming week is half term. Pray for safety for our children and young people and a time of relaxation for teachers. Remember too those parents who find it stressful providing activities or childcare during the holiday period. Many young people will be revising during this holiday but pray that they too will find time to relax.
Mon 28th	• This morning is the Wedding of Amy and Tom. Pray that they will have a wonderful day and that they and their families will have special memories. We ask too that God will be with them as they share their lives together. • Pray for those areas of the world suffering from the effects of Climate Change. Pray that those discussing the various issues will unite in their attitudes to CO2 gases. Remember too those discussing and making decisions regarding the problems of plastics especially in our oceans.
Tues 29th	• Remember the Street Pastors as they minister to people on the streets of Chelmsford, late at night over the weekend. Give thanks too for those who meet to support and pray for the pastors whilst they are out.
Wed 30th	• Continue to pray for those planning camps and house parties for young people this summer, may they be guided as they build their teams and plan their programmes. Pray also, that if the camp some of the young people went to last year is no longer available, that they will be able to find another one where they will feel happy and where they will learn more of God's love for them. Continue to remember Alexandra Podd leading a team for the first time.
Thurs 31st	• Café Club meet this morning. Pray that people in the village will see the boards advertising this and Coffee Pot and venture in. • Please pray for any world situations, which have occurred during this month, which have not been mentioned due to the early printing of this sheet.