

The following people have asked for your prayers:

Read on **Sundays and Communion:**

Barbara Jones, Carol Smith, Mason Taylor, Peter Brown, Christine Billing, Audrey Foster, Olga Keeble, Pamela Cook, Gerry & Rosemary Robinson.

Read at **Morning Prayer:**

Phil Taylor, Pat Lockett, Joyce & Peter Barry, Renee Samways, Ian Littlewood, Angela Greaves, The Hindley Family (Carol, Hannah & Matt), The Bayliss Family (Christine, Grant, Beth & Sarah).

Prayers for the families of the departed:

Edna Bermingham, Christine Gresty, Kathleen Morris, Denis Ridyard, Derek Taylor, Joan Bickerton, Joseph Berry, Margaret Allcock.

Baptisms: Aurelia Tyrrell, Ryan Edwards, Sofia Patton.

Prayers for the parish: Stargrass Close, Fairfax Drive, Ernley Close, Carter Close.

Prayers for groups and activities:

Open House, Mothers' Union, Church Mice.

Mission Support: Kasupe - for the work of this school in Malawi: we have sent a donation to help them feed the children.

The **Church Shop** will reopen its doors tomorrow, **Monday, 16th March**. Please come and browse the new gifts & cards.

Nantwich CAP Job Club - Tuesdays, 9.30am-12.30pm, at Market Street Church. "Steps towards Employment" continues for one more session on **Tuesday, 17th March**, 9.30am-12.30pm. Friendly, practical support to help you into employment. Further details from 07398 434397 or saintmarys.capnantwich@gmail.com

Lent Course: Tuesdays 17th, 24th & 31st March, 2-3.30pm and 7.30-9pm. The same course will be run at both times, in Nantwich Methodist Church. We will study "Being Christian" by Rowan Williams, a wonderful book which is short, simple, comprehensive and profound - all at once. It covers the basic activities of a Christian community, and how they relate to our daily lives: Baptism, Bible, Eucharist and Prayer.

The **Julian Meeting** for Contemplative Prayer is on **Thursday, 19th March**, 2pm at 7 St. Anne's Court, off Welsh Row, Nantwich. All welcome.

Help needed: Church Cleaning - Thursday 19th-Saturday 21st March, 10am-2pm (*Note change of date*). Do join us. Many hands make light work!

Rescheduled: Nantwich Choral Society Concert - Saturday, 21st March postponed until November.

Millennium Bursary Feedback Evening, Monday, 23rd March at Regents Park Café, 6.30pm with feedback from 7pm. We'll be hearing from Naomi Ludford (last year's applicant) about her Creative Discipleship Training School in Norway with YWAM and subsequent mission to Australia and Papua New Guinea. Come and hear about Naomi's time away and what she learned and gained from the experience. The CTiN Millennium Bursary Fund enables our young people to go out on mission and do great work. Come and support Naomi and be encouraged by what we do as churches together!

St. Luke's Hospice Gala Concert, Saturday, 28th March, 7pm in church. Featuring the Rhos Orpheus Male Voice Choir and Roberts Bakery Band. Tickets £15 from St. Luke's Nantwich Shop and the Parish Office.

Nantwich Singers The City Stands Silent Holy Week Concert, **Wednesday, 8th April** 7.30pm in Church. A selection of music and poetry for contemplation.

The **Annual Meeting of Parishioners** (for the election of Churchwardens) and the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** (for the election of PCC and Deanery Synod members, and giving of reports) will be held on **Wednesday, 22nd April**, 7.30pm in church. Nomination forms will be available from 29th March. New members of the PCC are needed - please consider whether this may be right for you or someone you know. If you would like more information please speak to the Rector, a Churchwarden or a PCC member.

Any individual may apply to have their name entered on the **electoral roll** at any time, however to be in time to enable a vote to be exercised at this year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting applications need to be received before Sunday, 29th March. This will enable the roll to be revised and available for at least a couple of weeks prior to the meeting. If you are not already on the roll and would like to please ask for and complete an application form and return it to the Electoral Roll Officer, Dr. Richard Appleton, to a Churchwarden or the Parish Office.

Christian Aid Week, 10th-16th May - would you be interested in planning or helping with St. Mary's fundraising this year? If so, please contact the Rector.

Enquirers' Course - Would you welcome a course to help people explore the basics of the Christian faith? It's for anyone who is not a Christian but inquiring, or new Christians, or people returning to faith/church, or any who want a path to growth as a follower of Christ. It will be shorter than an 'Alpha Course' but with a similar purpose. We are currently gauging interest before setting times and a venue. For more information, please add your name to the list at the back or contact the Parish Office or Rector.

There is still an opportunity to contribute to the **Condolence Book** for **Bernard** in the Parish Office.

Al Wright wishes to thank everyone for help with transport, visits, thoughts and prayers during his recent stay in Leighton Hospital.

To all the Knitters: Could you please start to bring in your knitted squares to the Parish Office. Ellen and Clare will then sew them up into blankets to go to the children of Lesbos.

Congratulations to Alan Thompson who was licensed as a Reader by Bishop Willie Pwaisiho at a service in the Chapel at Foxhill on Tuesday, 10th March. We welcome Alan's ministry among us at St. Mary's.

What's on This Week (16th - 21st March)

This Week: Parish Office open 10am-2pm

Monday

9.00am Contemplative Prayer in Church
12.30pm Brine Leas visit to Church

Tuesday

8.30am Morning Prayer in Church
9.30am Nantwich CAP Job Club - Market St. Church
No Mums and Toddlers until further notice
2.00pm Lent Course at Nantwich Methodist Church
3.45pm SING!@St. Mary's in the Parish Hall
4.30pm Voice for Life in the Parish Hall
7.30pm Nantwich Singers rehearse in Church
7.30pm Lent Course at Nantwich Methodist Church

Wednesday

8.30am Morning Prayer in Church
11.00am Holy Communion
1.30pm Funeral of Derek Taylor in Church
6.00pm Rotary visit to Church
7.00pm Scouts visit to Church
8.30pm Organ practice in Church

Thursday

8.30am Morning Prayer in Church
9.30am Flower Arranging in Church
10.00am Little Fish in Church
10.00am Church Cleaning
12.30pm Brine Leas School visit to Church
2.00pm Julian Meeting at 7 St. Anne's Court
2.15pm Drop-In Listening Session in Church
7.00pm Bell ringing practice in the Tower

Friday

8.00am Holy Communion
9.15am Churchwardens' Meeting in the Rectory
12.15pm Funeral of Joseph Berry in Church
No Soup Lunch until further notice
No Mothers' Union Meetings until further notice
7.30pm Choir practice in Church

Saturday

8.00am Morning Prayer in Church
9.30am Rector's Surgery in the Parish Office
10.00am Church cleaning

Readings for Sunday, 22nd March:

1 Samuel 1: 20-28 (p.271)
Colossians 3: 12-17 (p.1184)
Luke 2: 33-35 (p.1028)

6pm Evensong

1 Samuel 16: 1-13 (p.287)
Ephesians 5: 8-14 (p.1176)

Next Sunday - Mothering Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am All Age Worship
10.45am Holy Communion
2.30pm Sunday Social at Richmond Village
6.00pm Evensong

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

In view of the latest Church of England guidance, until further notice:

1. On entering the church everyone is asked to wash their hands using the convenience near the south porch, which is now only for this purpose. There is a toilet on the north side.
2. Only wafers are administered during Communion.
3. Everyone is asked to stand while receiving Communion at the rail.
4. Please do not make physical contact when sharing the Peace.
5. St Mary's will not serve any refreshments until further notice, after services or at other times.
6. The collection plate will not be circulated. Plates will be at the back of church to receive your gift on the way in.
7. Please follow all this and more general government advice. This is part of loving our neighbour.

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Sunday, 15th March 2020 The Third Sunday of Lent

Welcome to all attending our worship today

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
Readings: Exodus 17: 1-7 (p.75)
Romans 5: 1-11 (p.1132)
John 4: 5-42 (p.1066)

No Hot Drinks are available until further notice

9.30am All Age Worship
10.45am Holy Communion
Readings: Romans 5: 1-11 (p.1132)
John 4: 5-42 (p.1066)
Hymns: 641 (vv 1,2 &4), 119, 544, 652 (A&M)
Voluntaries: Chorale Prelude 'Ach Gott und Herr' (BWV692) - J.S.Bach (1685-1750); Intermezzo (founded upon an Irish Air) - Op189/4 - CV Stanford (1825-1924)

2.30pm Baptism
2.30pm Sunday Social at Richmond Village
3.30pm Baptisms
6.00pm Evensong
Readings: Joshua 1: 1-9 (p.216)
Romans 5: 1-11 (p.1132)
Hymns: 780, 629, 664, 584 (A&M)
Voluntaries: Chorale Prelude 'Ach Gott und Herr' (BWV714) - J.S.Bach (1685-1750); Chorale Prelude 'Ach Gott und Herr' (BWV693) - J.S.Bach (1685-1750)

7.15pm Encounter in the Parish Hall

Collect: Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**