

ST. MARGARET'S
COLEVIEW,
SOUTH MARSTON
&
STANTON FITZWARREN

NOVEMBER
PRAYER DIARY



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The Gospel of John – Chapter 15 Verse 13

¹³ "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

To my fellow Christians...

Owing to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, many church and local events have been put on hold or cancelled altogether. As a result, until such time as the events recommence, the prayer diary will be scaled down to weekly prayers, much like the prayer diaries that are distributed over Christmas and the summer months.

I will still attempt to make the prayer diary as varied as possible, but for that to succeed I will continue to require your help and support, so please feel free to jot down your own thoughts for prayer below.

God Bless,
Adam Jenkins

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Prayer topics...

1st - 6th As COVID cases continue to sky-rocket, pray this week for all those who have lost loved ones to this awful disease. Pray that God will watch over them during their time of sadness and grief, and that we do what we can to try and help curb the ever-growing concerns.

Week beginning 7th November

Collect: Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

As climate change continues to hit our TV screens, pray this week that we may play our part, no matter how big or small, to restore our planet to some semblance of normality. It has often been said that we are the caretakers of our world; may God give us the strength to live up to that role so that we may continue to enjoy its splendour for many years to come.

Pray also this week for all those who are struggling with a big change in their lives. Pray that God will give them courage of mind and strength of heart to face these challenges head-on.

Week beginning 14th November

Collect: God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

During this week of Remembrance, we remember all those who have given their lives in conflict. Pray this week not only for those who have been left not only physically scarred, but also emotionally crippled as well. We once again thank those who have gone before to allow us to live in a country free from war.

Pray also for the families of the victims of the terrorist attack in Norway last month, and for the family and friends of the MP Sir David Amess who was killed recently. May God be with them during this period of immeasurable grief.

Week beginning 21st November

Collect: God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.

As we celebrate the Festival of Christ the King this Sunday, pray this week for all those who have just started their Christian journey. Pray that God will guide them on their new path, and may they not be afraid to ask questions. Thank God for his unending desire for us to come to Him and for us to believe and trust in Him.

Also, pray this week for our Ministry Team: Elveen, Mark, Lisa, Alison and Dan as they continue to seek to spread God's Word to the people of Swindon and even beyond, be they new Christians or those who have known Him for many years. We thank them for their dedication and love for their congregations as we slowly begin to re-introduce a number of church activities to our daily life.

Week beginning 29th November

Collect: Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

With the season of Advent beginning this week, pray for our family and friends as they continue to inspire us every single day. Pray that any divisions, no matter how big or small, may be bridged. Pray also for the residents of our local care homes, particularly during these last 19 months, and ask God to watch over them as they face each day's hardships.

We also pray this week for the values that underpin each school as a community. Pray that all teaching staff and pupils are valued and respected, regardless of any differences. Pray for those who shape and define these values and for God's guidance.



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