

ST. MARGARET'S
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SOUTH MARSTON
&
STANTON FITZWARREN

MARCH PRAYER
DIARY



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The Book of Proverbs – Chapter 31 Verses 26-27

26 She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. 27 She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.

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 March: We have been given this week a tentative roadmap towards the end of one of the darkest periods in our history. With the crisis level going down, it finally starts to feel that we are approaching a crucial moment in the fight against coronavirus. This week in your prayers, amid an uprising in cases in several regions, pray that we do not forget that we still have some way to go and that we will continue to work together to bring this to an end.

Week beginning 7th March

Collect: Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

With schools and colleges set to reopen this week, pray for all young people as they begin to settle back in and reconnect with friends and teachers that they may not have seen for several months. Pray that they will continue to develop as individuals, develop their potential and seek aspirations and dreams for the future.

Pray also this week for the lonely and homeless in our community and across the country. Pray that they do not get forgotten amid the ongoing crisis and that organisations across the world may continue the fight against poverty and homelessness.

Week beginning 14th March

Collect: God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

As we celebrate Mothering Sunday today, pray for all mothers and mother-like figures in our lives who support us when times are hard and celebrate with us when we succeed. Pray especially for all mothers in the UK who are single, scared and poor owing to the pandemic and that they may get the support that they deserve.

Remember also in your prayers those who serve as carers for the clinically vulnerable and act like mothers to those they watch over. Many of them are exposed to COVID-19 on a daily basis and many have been left emotionally and mentally scarred by the things they have had to witness over the last year. Pray that they get the support and respect they deserve.

Week beginning 21st March

Collect: Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.

In this season of Lent, we pray this week for our Ministry Team: Elveen, Mark, Lisa, Alison and Dan. Think of them as they host the Lent Group online and pray that their message is received, despite them having to deliver it in a different way. May they use their time together to understand more about their faith and about themselves as we all strive to stave off the threat of temptation.

Pray also this week for ministers in other churches in our region and across the country of other denominations and that our relationships with them may grow as part of the one great Church that Jesus laid the foundations for.

Week beginning 28th March

Collect: True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory.

On this Palm Sunday and during this Holy Week, we pray for all those who have welcomed Christ into their lives during this pandemic. May they feel his warm embrace as they begin their journey in Christianity knowing that they have a new friend and a guiding light for the rest of eternity.

Also in your prayers, as more restrictions will hopefully be relaxed and we can meet up with more people that we have not seen for a long time, pray for families who can be reunited following the easing of lockdown rules. We pray that they can reconnect during these unprecedented times.

