

ST. MARGARET'S
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SOUTH MARSTON
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SEPTEMBER
PRAYER DIARY



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The Book of Proverbs – Chapter 4 Verse 13

¹³ Always remember what you have learned. Your education is your life – guard it well.

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 - 4th With schools returning this week, we pray this week for all those starting the new academic year in new surroundings. Consider all teaching staff starting into new roles and for pupils starting new schools, colleges, or universities. We pray that, despite the distancing that will be in place, that they will settle in quickly and feel happy in their new schools.

Week beginning 5th September

Collect: Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

With COVID cases continuing to fluctuate, many family members of vulnerable adults are now able to return to work, which has put pressures on domiciliary care agencies to find care for these people, with many of them stretched to their limit. Pray this week that they may receive the resources they need to bring care to those who need it most.

This Wednesday is International Literacy Day, so pray this week for all those who seek to present learning opportunities to the millions of non-literate young people than adults across the world, many of which would have had their education halted due to the pandemic.

Week beginning 12th September

Collect: Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

This week in your prayers, pray for all those who have passed away in natural disasters across the world. We pray especially today for the families of the thousands of people who have been killed in the earthquake in Haiti. May God be with them during this time of immeasurable grief.

Pray also this for all those working to bring Christianity to those who need it - both here and abroad. Pray for the work that street pastors and Swindon Commercial Chaplains do to spread the news of God's love, and the work the Bible Society does every day to make sure that everyone who desires it may have access to the Word of the Lord.

Week beginning 19th September

Collect: Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Tuesday this week is International Day of Peace. In your prayers this week, remember all those who are contributing to building a world of peace, despite so many events across the world stopping this from happening.

We have seen the horrendous scenes in Afghanistan where people are so driven by desperation to escape the Taliban that they resort to clinging to the side of planes as they take off and losing their lives as a result. Pray this week for those who remain who are fearing persecution by the new regime and that God will be with them every step of the way and protect them from harm.

Week beginning 26th September

Collect: Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

This week in your prayers, pray for our local church family. We pray especially for Elveen and her family during this sad time. We pray also for the family of Eric Barnes; he was a much-loved member of our team congregations, a stalwart of our church community, and his loss will be sadly felt across the whole of the parish.

Pray also this week for our Ministry Team as a whole. These last 18 months have reinforced just how blessed we are to have a dedicated team who are dedicated to make the Word of God accessible to us, despite the roadblocks that have threatened to divert us. However, we can't mention them without including the many people who have worked behind the scenes, including those involved in the online services and those who have helped to make sure we can worship in church once again.



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