

Pray for the following, and their carers

Elizabeth Anderson, Bernie & Sylvia Atkinson, Joan Bailey, Shirley Barlow, Barbara Brown, Cynthia Brown, Rene Eaton, Peter and Joan Glover, Maureen Hobbs, Audrey Howell, Jackie Huggins, Edna and Malcolm Hunter, Lil Insley, Angela James, Ada Keeley, Jim and Annabel Loring, Frances and Jimmy Pelengaris, Gwen Purnell and family, Mac and Pam Reid, Jo Scott, Diana Thomas, Val and Peter Tullett, Ted Warren and any others known to you.

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Please note there will be no 'Prayer and Reflection' in August.

St Nicholas with St Barnabas

Prayers and Reflections (July 2023)

Especially praying for Mark and Family, the sick and other Parish matters including the future vision for the Parish



⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)

The most important discovery you will ever make is the Father's love. It cannot be taught. It has to be discovered and everything else flows from that discovery. Prayer is learned by discovery.

"By praying we learn to pray." Richard Foster

"If you want a life of prayer the way to get it is by praying."

Thomas Merton

"If we really mean to pray and want to pray we must be ready to do it now." Mother Theresa

Pray as you can, and don't try to pray as you can't." Dom John Chapman

Pray as you can and somewhere along the way you will make the most important discovery of your life – the love the Father has for you.

I want to be with you. I choose you God over every other option. Prayer is about presence. It's being present to the one who chose me (*you*) first and chooses me (*you*) again today. It's the joy of my (*your*) life.

Be still and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10a

Be still. Prayer begins there.

The great scandal and most important work of prayer is simply to let ourselves be loved by God.

Stillness is the quiet space where God migrates from the periphery back to the centre and prayer pours forth from the life that has God at the centre.

“Solitude is the place ... of encounter with the loving God.” Henri Nouwen

When you see how great God is and how fragile and fleeting you are, you equally see how profoundly you matter. The Creator has time for you!

Slow down. Remember who God really is. Remember who you really are.

That’s prayer.

We need to be intentional about stillness as Christ was retreating into the company of the Father. Hurry is the great enemy of the spiritual life. Hurry kills love. Stillness is profoundly missional. We start in isolation and end with everybody.

Practice silence as a sacrificial offering to God. Eventually silent prayer becomes a lifeline. Give God the first word. Let spoken prayer follow as a response.

All quotations from “Praying like Monks. Living like Fools.” Tyler Staton

Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord

Be still for the presence of the Lord
The Holy one is here
Come bow before him now
In reverence and fear
In Him no sin is found
We stand on Holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord
The Holy one is here.

Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around
He burns with Holy fire
With splendour He is crowned
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant King of light
Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.

Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal
To minister His grace
No work too hard for Him
In faith receive from Him
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.

David J. Evans

Pray for Mark, Caroline, Rachel and Ben

- Give thanks that the Madeleys had a fantastic CMJ conference
- Mark & Rachel give thanks for an amazing trip to Israel
- Rachel’s revelations about Israel and the Jewish People

Do continue to hold this family before the Lord in prayer

Praise and thanks

- New people who have joined the Church family
- Great concert with Worle Wind Band that helped our outreach
- A really good Messy Church in July, and weather for a BBQ
- A good first P.C.C. for the year 2023/4
- We give thanks that the Clarke family is able to visit us once again

Praying for the Church

- We pray for the Clarkes and their on-going ministry both here and in Portugal and especially here in the midst of a busy schedule that they will find time for a well deserved holiday.
- For Snickers to grow
- For Messy Church not to lose its impact as we break for the summer
- For Mark to have more schools’ work and especially to get into Broadoak Academy
- For growing links with our community
- For a Church worker for St Barnabas
- For wisdom in caring for our buildings and the cost thereof
- For Rachel & Ben at their youth venture, to make deeper connections with the Lord
- For the *All Together Worship* on July 30th to touch people deeply as we examine faith journeys