



Uxbridge Parish Prayer Diary
August 2017



**Be joyful always, pray continually,
 give thanks in all circumstances;
 for this is God's will for you
 in Christ Jesus.**

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

1 st	<p>Heavenly Father, we lift to You all those in our community who find the August holiday period so difficult for many different reasons. Please grant them Your peace and love during this time and enable them to seek help if needed, for they are loved by You and we are called to love and care for them in Your name.</p> <p>We lift to you loving God, James our new Youth Worker as he starts in the Parish today. Please be with him and give him wisdom, patience and encouragement as he meets the clergy, members of staff and begins to get to know and begins to minister and serve in this Parish.</p>
2 nd	<p>Father we lift to you during this holiday period, children, students, school staff, teachers and lecturers as they spend time with their families. Bless, protect and refresh them during this time away from the school or educational environment and grant wisdom to the teachers and lecturers when they spend time preparing for the new term.</p>

2 nd cont....	<p>Father we pray for Andrew, June, Fr. John, Ange, Tina and Tim that they will find time to get away this August to relax, rest and spend quality time with family and You. Refresh and enable them to drink deeply of that abundant Life Giving Water and plant in their hearts and minds Your vision and plans for the future.</p> <p>Please also pray for those affected by the Wildfires in France</p>
3 rd	<p>Coffee Shop. Father we thank you for the opportunity to have space in the town centre to relax and be refreshed both physically and spiritually. May this coffee shop be for many a place in which they can come into your presence and meet with you their God and Saviour.</p> <p>Pray also for Rob, Carole and the many volunteers; that God may bless them as they serve the people of Uxbridge and God's community.</p>
4 th	<p>Father God, please be in the centre of the Guiding Lights Drop In. Be in the minds and hearts of those who have volunteered to serve and reach out to those who will attend today. Touch the lives of those who come and are in need of physical, mental or spiritual help and healing that they may know how much Father God you love each one of them and want them to know You and trust You to provide for their needs.</p>
5 th	<p>Father God be gracious to us, bless us and make your face shine upon us, that Your ways may be known in Uxbridge and Your salvation among the peoples. Touch and transform lives so that those who live, work or travel through Uxbridge may praise you.</p>
6 th Sun	<p>O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, bow down before Him, His glory proclaim; with gold of obedience and incense of lowliness, kneel and adore Him: the Lord is His name.</p>

6 th Sun Cont...	Loving God, we thank you for those who have offered to enable our Children's summer programme with special activities upstairs to go ahead. Please grant them a fun and exciting time with the children that will encourage them as well as the children to draw closer to You the God who saves.
7 th	Father we thank you that those who attend Footprints continue to meet and support each other during this August holiday period. Please bless each person as they bless each other in their desire to meet each week and love each other in a time of need and because you, Father have called us to love one another as you have loved us.
8 th	Everlasting God we lift to you the Songs of Praise congregation as they come to worship You and share in the celebration of Holy Communion today. May they rejoice in Your presence and in each other as they remember all that Your son Jesus Christ fulfilled through his death and resurrection.
9 th	Please spend some time today giving thanks for members of our Church family and remembering them in your prayers. Pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ may give them the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that they may know him better. Pray also that the eyes of their heart may be enlightened in order that they may know the hope to which they have been called.
10 th	Thursday Eucharist at St. M's Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God may you be at the centre of the lives and worship of all those who attend today's Thursday Communion service now and always. Please pray for our Treasurers (Lee and Julie) and all who serve us by managing our finances in any way.

11 th	Friday Eucharist at St. M's – Lord may you bless all who attend this weekly Eucharist, to leave the church with a sense of your peace and love. Worship Groups and Choir: Father, we thank You for the joy of music and the freedom to worship. We lift to You those who You have musically gifted and who serve You and enable and lead us in our worship of You. Bless, guide and encourage them as they lead us and point us to You in songs of praise and times of worship and celebration.
12 th	Righteous God please speak into the hearts and minds of each person who attends Messy Church today. May they know Your love for them and for each other as they share in craft activities and worship. Enable them to listen to Your word and live it out in their lives, that they may be known as Your disciples and unite them as one with You.
13 th Sun	CPAS Heavenly Father we ask for your blessing upon all those who serve you through the ministry of CPAS and for the courses they provide to help train, equip and encourage people to use their gifts and to be a light to and within their churches and local communities. Father, as we come to worship you today, may we remember those who have asked us to pray for them especially those listed in our bulletin sheets...
14 th	Pray for those who have for whatever reason, have been unable to get away for a holiday. May the time they have spent alone or with loved ones has been fruitful, positive, restful and encouraging.
15 th	Lead us, O Lord into a place of gratitude and joy, that we may join our voices with that of the psalmist and say that: Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere.

16 th	Scripture Union Father God, we thank you for the amazing work you do in and through those who serve you through Scripture Union. Enable them to truly make a difference in the lives of others in the many communities throughout the world You created and love its many people and cultures.
17 th	Father we thank you for those who clean our church linen and buildings and for those who decorate it with flowers and displays. May they know how much we appreciate the time and effort they put into making our church inviting.
18 th	<p>Please lift to our Loving Father in Heaven the Guiding Lights Drop In today. That this Drop In will be a safe haven for those in need of help and a listening ear.</p> <p>Holy God we ask your blessing upon the Wedding of Karen Copper and James Parry today. May today's ceremony be an opportunity to reflect and confirm the love they have for each other and the sharing with family and friends in the joy of their future lives together.</p>
19 th	Merciful God, we lift to you today all those who are homeless . We pray for an increase in the work of the organisations who work to place them in housing, and equip and train them in ways to earn a living. Praying especially for Trinity Housing Projects . We pray for those presently living in Trinity accommodation and for the staff who are working alongside them; bless them in their endeavours and increase their fruitfulness.
20 th Sun	Everlasting God, creator of all the earth, help us to really understand how to worship you with all our heart, with all our mind and with all our strength. To give ourselves wholeheartedly to the praise and worship of You our God who gives us life.

20 th Sun cont...	Almighty God we thank you for the mission work of CMS asking that You are prompting and guiding them in their work and service of You; encouraging and enabling those local leaders to follow the vision and path you have set before them.
21 st	Father, we thank you for the opportunities for Christians to minister together in Uxbridge and for others to have the opportunity of witnessing Christians Love for One Another in this area. We lift to You those who serve You through Churches Together in Uxbridge and ask You to pour your blessing upon them and upon those who are touched by their mission and ministry in Your precious name. Amen.
22 nd	Father God be gracious to us and bless us and make your face shine upon us, that Your ways may be known in Uxbridge and Your salvation among the peoples. Touch and transform lives so that those who live, work or travel through Uxbridge may praise you.
23 rd	Pray today for Paula and Rachel our Outreach Pastoral Workers at St. M's. May God use them mightily as they listen and pray with those who come into the coffee shop seeking support and understanding.
24 th	<p>Loving Father, we lift to you Your Kingdom here on earth and pray for the many who are struggling with the loss of a loved one or those who have been injured in the wildfires in France, the earthquake in Turkey & Greece, the events in Grenfell Towers, London, Manchester and other places not so high up in the news. May they sense Your presence with them and feel comforted at this time that peace may enable them to forgive and to live life in all its fullness.</p> <p>Father, open our eyes, hearts and minds to the needs and concerns of those around us at home, work or whilst travelling and bring them before you in prayer.</p>

25 th	Continue to lift to our Loving Father in Heaven the Guiding Lights Drop In open again today; those volunteering and those who will drop in.
26 th	<p>Pray that God will guide us as His church wisely in all that we say, in all that we do, and in all that we think. Giving glory to Him daily for all that He is and does.</p> <p>We lift to You, Almighty God, the work of the Barnabas Fund who direct their aid to Christians especially those living in Muslim environments although its benefits may not only be exclusive to them. As they act on behalf of those persecuted for their faith in You, Almighty God, bless them and all they do in Your Name.</p> <p>Spend some time praying for those countries in which Christians are persecuted: Syria, Nigeria, Egypt, Kenya, Mexico, Turkey, Sri Lanka, Kuwait</p>
27 th Sun	<p>Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.</p> <p>Creator God, we thank you for the earth and all that is in it. We thank you for the amazing work of A Rocha UK as they endeavour to revitalise parts of the countryside you created that we have damaged. Please encourage others to help financially and physically as well as to acknowledge the wonderful work they are doing to Your glory and praise.</p>
28 th	Blessed Lord, we thank you for this Bank Holiday Monday. Please be with those who have to work today; we especially think of those who work in the emergency services and hospitals caring and helping others during difficult times.

29 th	Please do prayer for our Government, MP's , for our local Councillors and those in authority that they might be guided by God in the decisions that need to be made for the well being of the people. May they come to believe in God, to seek justice, love mercy and walk humbly with the God who created them and enabled them to be in the role of responsibility and authority in which they are serving.
30 th	<p>Please take time today to pray for those in our Parish who are lay readers and/or preachers. Give thanks for all they do in the name of Jesus to help and encourage us to hear God's word.</p> <p>Pray today especially for those who will be preparing to start school or move on to high school, college or university, that God may calm any anxieties and give them a sense of excitement as they prepare for this new season in their life. Name, names if you are able.</p>
31 st	9am Sunday School/Kingdom Kids/ Little Peoples Oasis/Praymates – please pray for those who lead and help run these groups each week that they have had a restful and relaxing August and are refreshed, encouraged and looking forward to starting back in September.

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