



Uxbridge Parish

Prayer Diary – March 2019



1st	Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of prayer and the comfort it offers us. As we celebrate today the World Day of Prayer with Christians across the world we ask you to hear the prayers that are offered and help us all.
2nd	Today we are grateful for our Parish Celebration . Thank you for the opportunity for members of all of our congregations to join together in fellowship at this event. Thank you too for those who work so hard to put on events like this which help to bring our churches together.
3rd Sunday	At the start of the Mission Focus Week at St Margaret's for the Amos Trust, we thank you for the work the Trust does to for human rights across the world, challenging injustice, building hope and creating positive change. We pray especially for their work in partnership with New Generation supporting street children in Burundi.
4th	Dear God, thank you for the clergy and staff away day today and for the chance this gives for staff to spend time in your presence and with each other.

5 th	Loving Lord please be with those attending the Songs Of Praise Social that they may realise the height and depth of your love for each one of them.
6 th	On Ash Wednesday as we come to you at the start of the period of Lent, we ask that you help us to grow closer to you during this time as we recognise the suffering Jesus went through in our name. We pray especially for the Ash Wednesday services in the parish today.
7 th	Dear God, we thank you for the men's ministry in this parish. Be with all those attending the Men's Meet Up this evening and help them to use this time to deepen their relationships with each other and with you.
8 th	Lord, we ask you to be with all those who are caught up in conflict , for those who are displaced and seeking refuge from bombing and other atrocities carried out in the name of war. Walk with these people and guide and comfort them in this time of their distress.
9 th	At the start of Parish Lent prayer week , we lift before you all those attending the Parish Quiet Morning and ask that you help all of us develop our prayer life.
10 th Sunday	Please pray for our Sunday School leaders and helpers at both churches.
11 th	Today at the start of the working week , we lift to you all the tasks that we are expecting to have to carry out over the next few days. We ask that you are with us to grant wisdom and guidance and that you help us to keep you at the centre of the important decisions we have to take during the course of the coming week.

<p>12th</p>	<p>We thank you for the Lent groups which will be running in the parish during this period of Lent. Help us to use these as a way of growing closer to you and deepening our knowledge of your teachings as we journey and explore with others.</p>
<p>13th</p>	<p>Creator God, as the Rise N' Shine group gather together today as your family to rest in your presence and worship you, may they be open to hearing your voice and recognising your presence in one another.</p>
<p>14th</p>	<p>Please pray for Christians throughout the world who are persecuted because of their faith in the Lord Jesus. Remember especially at this time believers in countries on the Open Doors World Watch list.</p>
<p>15th</p>	<p>Take time to pray for members of our congregations who are at work today. May they know God walking with them and enabling them to live and work for him.</p>
<p>16th</p>	<p>Take time today to pray for all those who work in our emergency services. Lord, we thank you for their vocation and ask that you keep them safe as they carry out their duties to help those in need.</p>
<p>17th Sunday</p>	<p>Father, we give thanks for our Clergy: Andrew, June, Tina, Tim, John and Dion and all that you do in and through them among us and in the Uxbridge area. We pray that you will guide and direct them as they seek your will, purpose and plans for themselves and this parish.</p>

18th	Lord God we pray for the pupils and staff of St Matthew's School as they visit St Margaret's today. May they be helped to consider the Easter story in a way that reaches deep into their hearts and minds.
19th	Please pray for the ministry of the Coffee Shop . Thank God for Carole and the team of volunteers and pray that God will continue to be at work among the many people who come through the doors every week.
20th	On this first day of Spring we give thanks for our beautiful world, particularly as we see plants and trees come to life after the colder weather. Help us to be fit custodians of all this wonderful world and not destroy it through our wastefulness and constant striving for more material things.
21st	Please pray for our Treasurers (Lee and Julie) and all who serve us by managing our finances in any way.
22nd	Father, we thank you for those who work with the Foodbank in Hillingdon, seeking to avert crisis for families in need. We ask that you bless all who require the services of the Foodbank and encourage generosity from those who have plenty so that they can share their good fortune with others in need.
23rd	Father, we pray for the young people in our parish and in Hillingdon. We pray for all those involved in organising and running the One Hillingdon – One Easter event for young people and give thanks for this opportunity for them to gather together from different churches and share fellowship. Please be with them and enable them to grow in faith.

24th Sunday	Worship Groups & St. A's Choir. Father God we want to thank you so much for the musicians and singers who enable and encourage us in our worship week by week. Father may they be aware of your presence with them as they lead us and your blessing upon them throughout the week. We also pray for Jasper Peters and for his family as he is baptised today.
25th	Father, we pray for the New Discoveries Group which meets today. We pray for those who provide support through this group and for those who attend.
26th	We thank you for the relationships being formed among parents, carers and toddlers as they meet on Tuesday (Little Peoples Oasis) and Wednesday mornings (Praymates) at St. M's. Lord Jesus meet with them as they meet with each other, and bless these little ones as they learn to share and play together.
27th	Today we ask your blessing on all those who work for charities , both to provide support to those in need and those who work to raise funds to pay for this charitable work in our own town, nationally and internationally.
28th	Pray today for those who live in your road that they will have the opportunity in their lifetime to hear the good news of Jesus Christ and the chance to ask him to be part of their lives.

<p>29th</p>	<p>St A's School Eucharist at St M's. It is always great to see and hear the pupils and staff from the school as they came to worship. Holy God may this joyous time be a blessing to all in attendance and may the enthusiastic praise of these young people please Your heart.</p> <p>Today on the scheduled date of the UK's exit from the EU (Brexit) we ask that you are with all people our nation and across the EU during this period of uncertainty for us all. Grant wisdom to leaders of all the countries affected, particularly our Government, and help them to put you at the centre of all the decisions they take going forward.</p>
<p>30th</p>	<p>Mighty God, thank you for Messy Church, thank you for all the volunteers who work tirelessly in this ministry to bring people to church who may not otherwise attend. We ask that you are with all the children and their families who attend this event and that they know your presence.</p> <p>We pray especially for Bronté and her family as she is baptised today.</p>
<p>31st Sunday</p>	<p>Dear God, today on Mothering Sunday we pray for mothers everywhere. We thank you for the gift of their love and guidance. We lift to you all those who are without their mothers this year, especially those who are recently bereaved, and ask that you provide comfort and solace to them.</p>

During March we ask for prayers for:

St Andrew's: David Badhams, Wendy Cottrell, Mary, Bernie and Reuben, Michelle Rix, Angela Harrison, Alison Dent, Madeleine Wheeler, Aleister Monk.

St Margaret's: Lisa Nolan, Jackie Woodruff, Mike Woodruff, David Davis, Penny Papapetrou, Val, Mary Barnes, Hilary and Mick Fleet, Vera Gorman and family, Mark Knight and family, Jenny Haycock, Brianna, Patrick Colbert and family, Jayne Mackenzie, John and Rosemary, Leroy and Cathryn Daley and family, Diana and Luke and baby, Kay Buxton and family, Stuart and Jenny, Pauline Smith and family, Dan and Emily, Margaret, David and Alison Newns, Vanessa and family, Elizabeth and family, Carol Huggins and family, Claire Buchan.

We remember in faith and love those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur this month, including: Myrna Kemp, Peter Murray, Thomas Rees, Peggy Wright, Daisy Fairbairn, Peggy Saunders, Margaret Saunders, Ted Hunt, Ernest Moorman, Alice Tozer, Ted Denyer, Kenneth Cutting, William Hawes, Krystyna Hale, John Vercoe, Edward Newton, Stuart Fairbairn, Robert Clark, Albert Norwood, Mary Simmonds, Terry Williamson, Christine Graham, Mary Norwood, Arlene Garrod, Margaret Hills, Dot Davis, Phyllis Thomas, Mary Birch, Michael Jones and Rosemary Bartholomew.

