Cycle of Prayer 01 - 31 March 2024





Woodford

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd David Russell

Lay Workers: Richard Cussons, Malcolm Evans

We give thanks for new, developing and exciting links being built with our growing community, especially through the new school. Please pray that these would enable the spread of the Good News about the Lord Jesus.

Anglican Communion: Christ the King, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

02 March 2024

Antrobus

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Christina Westwell, Revd Alec Brown

Please pray for the staff, pupils, parents and governors of St Mark's Aided Primary School in

Antrobus, as they continue to look at the Federation structure and academization.

Anglican Communion: Christchurch, The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and

Polynesia

03 March 2024

'The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.' Psalm 19:7

'For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." 1 Corinthians 1:18

When Jesus went into the Temple and turned over the tables of the money changers, the focus of one of today's lectionary readings, he showed that the way of God may cut against the grain of our world. He was not always welcomed as he challenged the deeply rooted systems and patterns of his day. The goodness of the way of God, the conflict it may lead to these are things that we know and experience. Jesus is an alternative pattern, of courage and obedience, but also of grace and healing. We pray that we would follow him and be bold to live out the goodness of God this week.

Almighty God,

whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Collect for 3rd Sunday of Lent.

Please pray for our...

Anglican Communion: The Church of the Province of Uganda

Appleton Thorn

Please pray for our... **Clergy:** Revd Alan Jewell

Lay Workers: Linda Buckley

For the church's continuing engagement with the wider community to go on bearing fruit.

Anglican Communion: Chubu, The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

05 March 2024

Barnton

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Deborah Dalby

Anglican Communion: Clogher, The Church of Ireland

06 March 2024

Daresbury

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Jane Proudfoot, Revd Gill Younger

Lay Workers: James Baird, Gavin Hall

Anglican Communion: Coast, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

07 March 2024

Grappenhall

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Jane Proudfoot, Revd Kate Pwaisiho

Lay Workers: Christine Hunter, Margaret Kitchen, John Prytherch, Gill White

Please pray for the parish during the upcoming vacancy, for Curate Kate, Readers John and Gill, Pastoral Worker Margaret and our churchwardens and PCC. Pray for God's guidance and for discernment and wisdom for us and for our new Rector, whoever that may be.

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Anglican Communion: Cochin, The Church of South India (United)

08 March 2024

Great Budworth

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Alec Brown, Revd Christina Westwell

Please pray for the staff, pupils, parents and governors of Great Budworth Primary School as

they continue to develop the Federation and the application for academy status.

Anglican Communion: Coimbatore, The Church of South India (United)

09 March 2024

Latchford Christ Church

Please pray for our... **Clergy:** Revd Rob Icke

Lay Workers: Ian Burton-Baddeley

Prayers for Revd Robert Icke and Reader Ian Burton-Baddeley. Pray as the churches in Latchford continue to work. Pray also as the Church looks outwards now that the right team

is chosen to share the Gospel and reap a harvest and that we continue to liste

Anglican Communion: Colombia, The Episcopal Church

Mothering Sunday

"As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience' Colossians 3: 12

Today we give thanks for our mothers and for those who have been as mothers to us. There is so much to be thankful for, for God's provision in many varied and essential ways, shaping and sustaining us before we knew what we needed.

But this day also brings many people much pain, with memories of loss, or absence or distorted or complex relationships. So our readings today point to God, the source of love and comfort, and to the high calling of the church to be a place that lives these virtues in concrete ways. May God help us to support, nurture and heal one another.

God of compassion

Whose Son Jesus Christ , the child of Mary,

shared the life of a home in Nazareth,

and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself;

strengthen us in our daily living

that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal:

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Collect for Mothering Sunday

Please pray for our...

Anglican Communion: The Episcopal Church,

11 March 2024

Latchford St James

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Rob Icke

Prayers for Revd Robert Icke and Reader Frances Ireland. Please pray as the churches in Latchford continue to work to become a United Benefice. Please also pray as the church

takes a year out to focus on going to the place called "There" where God will **Anglican Communion:** Colombo, The Church of Ceylon (Extra Provincial)

12 March 2024

Lymm

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Beverley Jameson, Revd Jill Elston

Lay Workers: Derek Buckthorpe, Ian Bundey, Heulwen Smith

Please pray for Experience Easter helping over 300 children from the secular community primary schools understand the true meaning of Easter. Please pray for the Rector Reverend Beverley Jameson, Curate Reverend Jill Elston, Lay Readers Derek Buckthorpe,

Anglican Communion: Colorado, The Episcopal Church

Stockton Heath

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Michael Ridley, Revd Ruth Gray

Lay Workers: Julie Brown, Christine Chapman, Claire Hutt, Olu Olojugba

We pray for our on-going work with children and young people. Praying for guidance as we reach out to our local schools and community. For Ruth, our Curate, as she prepares to be

Priested in June.

Anglican Communion: Congo Brazzaville, Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

14 March 2024

Stretton

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Alan Jewell

Lay Workers: Linda Buckley

For the young families who are becoming part of the worshipping community. For more to join them, and for some to find areas of mission and ministry that they can be part of.

Anglican Communion: Connecticut, The Episcopal Church

15 March 2024

Thelwall

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Douglas Black

Lay Workers: Pip Horne, Colin Horrabin, Bob Lester **Anglican Communion:** Connor, The Church of Ireland

16 March 2024

Walton

Please pray for our...

Lay Workers: Keith Fletcher, Ian Jerrard-Dinn, Gill Povey-Robins

We are currently in vacancy. Please pray for the vacancy group, PCC, Parish Representatives and the congregation that we all have the wisdom to move the vacancy forward. Please also pray that we be led as a church to the right person and the right perso

Anglican Communion: Cork, Cloyne and Ross, The Church of Ireland

17 March 2024

"Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life." John 12: 24 - 25

Here is the strange economy of God, where gain is loss and loss, gain. But Jesus teaches his disciples, confused by the entry into Jerusalem, the shape of his life, the journey he will take, and the path they must follow. First death, then life and fruitfulness. If we will join him, if we will be be joined to him, we say no to self, to living to please ourselves, and rest our faith on him. And that self-denial is not just inward, not just a thought. If it is real and true it shapes our whole lives: our diaries and our bank accounts, our friendships and our attention.

Lord Jesus Christ you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. Amen

Post Communion Prayer for the start of Passiontide

Please pray for our...

Anglican Communion: The Church in Wales,

18 March 2024

Aston by Sutton, Little Leigh and Lower Whitley

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Collette Jones

Lay Workers: Jean Davies, Joan Sears

Anglican Communion: Costa Rica, Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

19 March 2024

Alsager St Mary Magdalene

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Michelle Goodrich, Revd Jim Britcliffe, Revd Daran Ward **Lay Workers:** Anne Joyce, Keith Davies, Dave Fidal, Andrew Warren

Pray with us for our new "Toddler Time Worship" which started this month; that it may blossom into something wonderful, and be a true blessing to the young families within our

community.

Anglican Communion: Coventry, The Church of England

20 March 2024

Astbury

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Anne-Marie Naylor, Revd Steph Morris **Anglican Communion:** Cuba, The Episcopal Church

21 March 2024

Barthomley

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Peter Ennion

Anglican Communion: Cueibet, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

22 March 2024

Brereton

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Sandi Fisher Lay Workers: Miss Sue Ball

Please pray for our blossoming Forest Church and its leaders and for our re-wilding project in

the church groundss

Anglican Communion: Cuernavaca, La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

23 March 2024

Holmes Chapel

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Canon Rob McLaren

We give thanks for Fiona Pulle and her team who have run the Genesis Childrens Group for over 20 years and we pray for the Lord to raise up a new team.

Anglican Communion: Cuttack, The Church of North India (United)

Palm Sunday

'He humbled himself' Philippians 2:8

Did many laugh that first Palm Sunday? The much hyped rabbi finally arriving in Jerusalem on a donkey! His feet catching the ground or his knees by his ears. But Jesus wasn't playing for laughs, or even making a satirical point. He was being serious, plain, descriptive. This is who I am: the Son of Man with no place to lay his head, the king who chooses to serve, the Christ who will go to the cross. Maybe this pattern is overly familiar and maybe this donkey ride helps us to see again how utterly incongruous this is, and how he loves those he has come to save.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is above and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Collect for Palm Sunday

Please pray for our...

Anglican Communion: The Church of the Province of West Africa,

25 March 2024

Congleton St James

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Colin Sanderson

Please pray for the youngsters in the parish and that parents will bring their children to

church.

Anglican Communion: Cyangugu, Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

26 March 2024

Congleton

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Ian Enticott

Lay Workers: Chris Downes-Ward, Mike Hutchison, Geoff Scott, Lesley Smith, Eileen Walker Please pray for those going through the bereavement journey and for those who have attended our regular grave talk once a month; and the contacts made through that. Please also pray for our toddlers group and messy church, as well as for contact with fam **Anglican Communion:** Cyprus and the Gulf, The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The

Middle East

27 March 2024

Eaton with Hulme Walfield

Please pray for our...

Lay Workers: Howard Lawton, Douglas Wisener

Anglican Communion: Daejeon, The Anglican Church of Korea

Elworth

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Canon Dr David Page, Revd Anthony Rigby **Lay Workers:** Steven Coppenhall, Kate Page, Michelle Walker **Anglican Communion:** North Dakota, The Episcopal Church

29 March 2024

Goostrey

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Canon Christine Broad

Give thanks for our growing engagement with new generations in the parish and pray that we will see people of all ages grow in faith as disciples of Christ. Pray that our building project

will take a significant step forward

Anglican Communion: South Dakota, The Episcopal Church

30 March 2024

Church Lawton

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Sr Heather Kemball

Lay Workers: Ms Bev Boulton, Margaret Cruxton

May God enable us to build on our Lent Course, draw our community into Godly encounters through our Easter celebrations. take the gospel to new places. discern his will for us as a parish. move forwards with toilet installation plans.

Anglican Communion: Dallas, The Episcopal Church

31 March 2024

Easter Sunday

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations;

he will swallow up death for ever.

Isaiah 25: 7 - 8

The imagery of easter is colourful and new - yellow flowers, eggs and chicks. But this symbolism must not be allowed to trivialise Easter. Easter is stark - death, tombs, tears. And it is glorious - angels, appearances, transformation. We celebrate today the greatest of victories, the brightest of hopes. The prophet's dream has become reality and we who live on the other side of Easter do not need to fear the grave. So today in prayer and song, we celebrate, with thanksgiving and hope and humility and a commitment to serve now the risen Jesus, the one we will live with in eternity.

"Thine be the glory risen conquering son Endless is the victory thou o'er death has won!"

God of glory
By the raising of your Son
You have broken the chains of death and hell:
Fill your Church with faith and hope;
For a new day has dawned
And the way to life stands open
In our Saviour Jesus Christ

lease pray for our Inglican Communion: The Church in the Province of the West Indies
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Post Communion prayer for Easter Day