

St John's, Pevensey Road

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Pews News & Service Sheet for Sunday 8th November: Remembrance Sunday

People for whom our prayers are asked:

Grace, Nina, Angela, Jean & Geoff, Geraldine, Kath, and Ali.

Please pray also for...

...the repose of the souls of the departed,

... those whose Years Minds fall around this time,
especially Michelle Rumball, Frank Fentiman, Jenny Burge,
and Rhodesia,

...and all who mourn.

Welcome to our Parish Mass service today - albeit back online during "Lockdown 2.0". View via the Broadcast Page of our website, or listen via the Media/Audio page.

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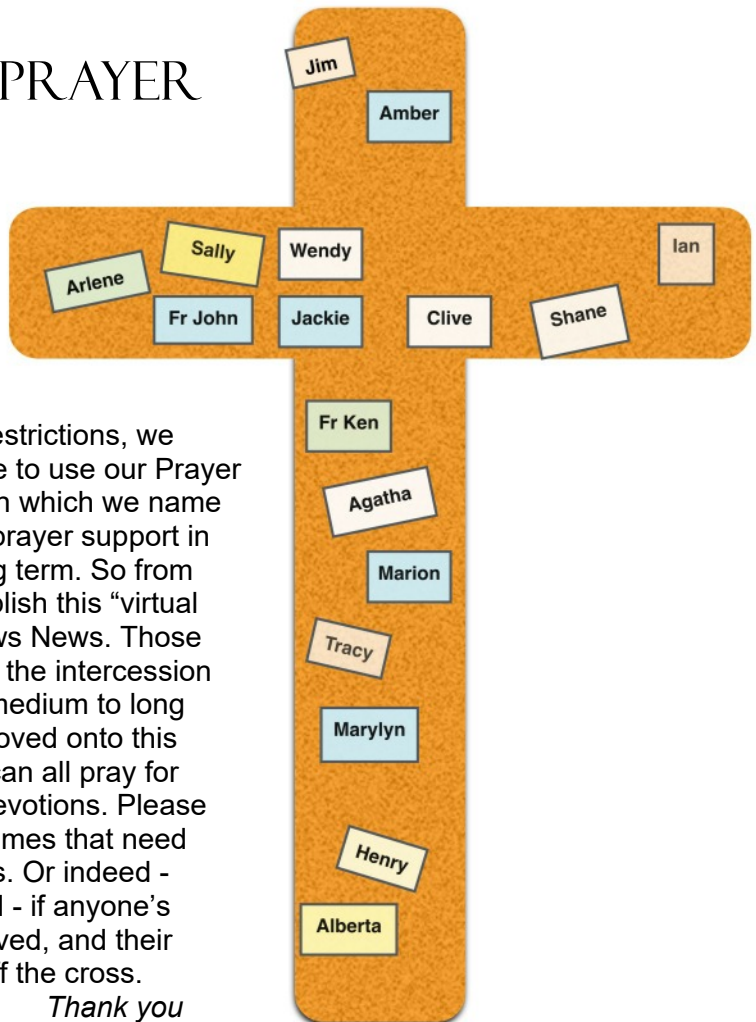
This week:

The church is open for private prayer weekday mornings 9:30 - 12:30.

"Zoom" service: 10 a.m. on Wednesday. Send Rev Jill or Deacon Michael an email and they will let you know how to join in.

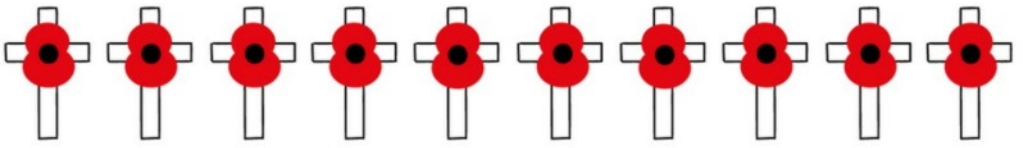
Mary would like to thank St Johns folk for their prayers during her recent spell of ill-health.

ST JOHN'S PRAYER CROSS



Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we have not been able to use our Prayer Cross in church, on which we name people who need prayer support in the medium to long term. So from now on we will publish this "virtual version" in the Pews News. Those who have been on the intercession prayer list for the medium to long term have been moved onto this cross, so that we can all pray for them in our own devotions. Please let us know any names that need adding to the cross. Or indeed - Thanks Be To God - if anyone's situation has resolved, and their name can come off the cross.

Thank you



Our predecessors here at St John's Church commemorated those from this parish who lost their lives serving in World Wars I and II, on the memorial tablets in the north porch... "We will remember them."

1914-1918

A. Beal
A. Hutchings
H. Mattock
H. Sampson
H. Amesbury
S. Baily
H. Bazett
G. Bazett
J. Blackburne
C. Blackburne
F. Blake
H. Body
W. Boger
H. Brown
W. Buckoke
E. Cannon
F. Chapman
C. Collard
H. Corps
E. Court
A. Creagh
E. Creed
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G. Crisford
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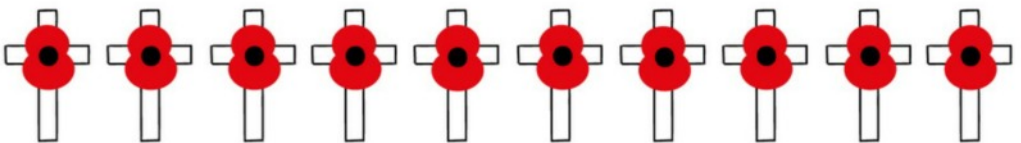
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G. Fellows
J. Fielding
P. Fisher
F. Fishwick
H. Foster
P. Foster
F. Gaisford
W. Haslam
G. Hutchings
S. Hutchings
J. Jarrett
W. Jordan
O. Knight
G. Lawrence
W. Lawrence
G. Mason
R. Moss
G. Murray
J. Newman
R. Nugent
G. Pagoni
J. Parris
J. Peto
R. Pulman
S. Ratcliff
W. Rogerson
Ll. Sanger-Davies
R. Sims

Rev. H. Staunton
R. Steele
S. Steers
J. Suggitt
G. Turner
N. Tyrwhitt
C. Walters
W. Wenban
F. Wettle
R. Whittaker
G. Wilkinson
A. Yielding

1939-1945

D. Norcock
W. Goodwin
J. Hume-Spry
L. Marson
R. Butler
G. Lean
J. Pope

Also unnamed soldiers from the Essex Scottish Regiment of the Canadian Army, stationed in this parish, who died in the Dieppe Raid, August 1942



The Parish Mass for Remembrance Sunday



The Greeting

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled,
neither let them be afraid.'

Priest In the name of the Father
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Priest The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

Prayer of Confession

Priest Let us confess to God the sins
and shortcomings of the world;
its pride, its selfishness, its greed;
its evil distortions and hatreds.
Let us confess our share in what
is wrong,
and our failure to seek and
establish that peace
which God wills for all his children.

All Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our
whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours
as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.

The Absolution

Priest Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all
goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All **Amen**

The Collect for Remembrance Sunday

Priest Let us pray:
God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day
when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace
of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All **Amen.**

A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon

Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those
who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known to
those who desire her.
One who rises early to seek her will
have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
To fix one's thought on her is perfect
understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account
will soon be free from care,
because she goes about seeking those
worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in
their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

A reading from St Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians

1 Thess. 4:13-end

But we do not want you to be
uninformed, brothers and sisters, about
those who have died, so that you may
not grieve as others do who have no
hope. For since we believe that Jesus
died and rose again, even so, through
Jesus, God will bring with him those
who have died. For this we declare to
you by the word of the Lord, that we
who are alive, who are left until the
coming of the Lord, will by no means
precede those who have died. For the
Lord himself, with a cry of command,

with the archangel's call and with the
sound of God's trumpet, will descend
from heaven, and the dead in Christ will
rise first. Then we who are alive, who
are left, will be caught up in the clouds
together with them to meet the Lord in
the air; and so we will be with the Lord
for ever. Therefore encourage one
another with these words.

For the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home;

Beneath the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
will bear us all away;
we fade and vanish, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748) alt.

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.
Blessed is the King who comes in
the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the
highest heaven.

All Alleluia.

The Lord be with you

All And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Matthew

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 25:1-13

‘Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, “Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.” Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, “Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.” But the wise replied, “No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.” And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, “Lord, lord, open to us.” But he replied, “Truly I tell you, I do not know you.” Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God, Father,
Son and Holy Spirit.

**All We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came
down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and
the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is
worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the
prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Act of Remembrance

Priest: Let us remember before God, and commend to his sure keeping: those who have died for their country in conflict; those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure; and all who have lived and died in the service of humanity.

They shall grow not old
as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them.

All We will remember them.

***Here follows The Last Post,
The Silence, the Reveille***

Priest: Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: Hear our prayers and thanksgiving for all whom we remember this day; fulfil in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict,
and ask that God may give us peace:

For the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God;

may God give peace.

All God give peace.

For those who love them in death as in life, offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss;

may God give peace.

All God give peace.

For all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day, remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return;

may God give peace.

All God give peace.

For civilian women, children and men whose lives are disfigured by war or terror, calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatreds of humanity;

may God give peace.

All God give peace.

For peacemakers and peacekeepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free;

may God give peace.

All God give peace.

For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace;

may God give peace.

All God give peace.

The Peace is introduced

Jesus said, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

I do not give to you as the world gives.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

Music: *Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier* (J.S.Bach)

To you we come, Father of lights, with angels and saints, where heaven and earth unite. May Jesus meet us in the breaking of the bread.

All Amen.

The president takes the bread and wine.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should always sing of your glory, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For you are the hope of the nations, the builder of the city that is to come.

Your love made visible in Jesus Christ brings home the lost, restores the sinner and gives dignity to the despised.

In his face your light shines out, flooding lives with goodness and truth, gathering into one in your kingdom a divided and broken humanity.

Therefore with all who can give voice in your creation

we glorify your name,

for ever praising you and singing:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;

grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the
forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death
on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins
of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and
glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our
redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise
and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this
cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of St John the
Evangelist, St Peter, Mary the Mother of
God, and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours,
almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our
Saviour has taught us:

**All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

*The priest breaks the consecrated
bread.*

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many,
we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

**Agnus Dei is said:
Jesus, Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,
Have mercy on us**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,
Give us your peace**

Giving of Communion

The priest says the invitation to communion.

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to
his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive
you, but only say the word,
and I shall be healed.**

Communion is received

Music: Largo (Handel)

Prayer after Communion

Priest God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ
proclaimed the kingdom and restored
the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish
of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour
Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Act of Commitment

Let us pledge ourselves anew
to the service of God
and our fellow men and women:
that we may help, encourage and
comfort others, and support those
working for the relief of the needy
and for the peace and welfare of
the nations.

**All Lord God our Father,
we pledge ourselves to serve you
and all humankind,
in the cause of peace,
for the relief of want and suffering,
and for the praise of your name.**

**Guide us by your Spirit;
give us wisdom;
give us courage;
give us hope;
and keep us faithful
now and always. Amen.**

The National Anthem

God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen.
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us:
God save the Queen.

The Blessing

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to the Church, the Queen,
the Commonwealth and all people,
unity, peace and concord,
and to us and all God's servants,
life everlasting;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
All Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All In the name of Christ. Amen.

**Concluding voluntary: Pie Jesu from
Requiem (Fauré)**

Fiona has reminded us of this quotation
from Saint Martin of Tours
(whose Feast Day is November 11th)

"I am a soldier of Christ; I cannot fight."

He is best known for the account of him
using his military sword to cut his cloak
in two, to give half to a beggar clad
only in rags in the depth of winter.

God of the mountains, God of the valleys

Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone ... The earth takes shape like clay under a seal; its features stand out like those of a garment... Have you journeyed to the springs of the sea or walked in the recesses of the deep?
Job 38:4–7, 14, 16 (NIV)



These verses from the biblical book of Job focus on the Earth, from the top of the highest mountains to the deepest valleys of the sea floor. Job used to have a very comfortable life, but lost everything: health, children, and much of his property. He can see no obvious reason for this terrible turn of events, so he demands an answer from God, asking “What have I done to you...? Why have you made me your target?”

There is no direct reply to Job's question, but instead a long conversation with his friends who assume (wrongly) that he must be being punished for doing something very bad. When God finally speaks, He draws Job's attention to his surroundings. The sun, moon and stars, the immensity of land and sea, the creatures that inhabit them, and the processes that produce weather are a wonderful display of God's creative power. God is the origin and sustainer of all these things, and they are far beyond anything humankind could produce, fully understand or imagine – even today.

The things we do know about the processes described in Job can help us appreciate how marvellous they are. Mountains are produced by the movement of the Earth's rocky crust over great periods of time. Erosion by weathering or glaciers then grinds down those rocks to produce the mineral component of soil.

Considering the wider perspective of creation can help restore our sense of who we are, who God is, and where we fit into His purposes. God speaks to Job in the midst of his suffering, lifting his eyes to the power and creativity of his Maker. Only after this theology lesson are Job's practical needs addressed. What will life be like for us over the coming months? A constant check on our own thinking – reminding ourselves of the bigger picture of God's plans and purposes – might be just what we need to help us keep going.

Dr Ruth M Bancewicz, Church Engagement Director at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge.

A Letter to the Nation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York

04/11/2020

Dear Friends,

These are deeply challenging and difficult times for us all. When we are surrounded by fear and suffering, it can be hard to feel hopeful. This coming winter feels like it will be longer and darker than usual.



There is a story in the Bible where Jesus and his disciples are caught in a storm. The disciples are understandably terrified as the wind and waves threaten to overpower them. ‘Why are you so afraid?’, Jesus asks. This year, we too have been caught in a storm which often feels overwhelming. And yet we can look to Jesus, in the boat with us, who calms the storm and comforts us in our fear.

We are writing to share our belief that whoever you are, and whatever you happen to believe, you are loved by God. Beyond measure. We also want you to know that we are praying for you, particularly asking that Christ’s love will comfort us, calm our fears, and lead our nation and our world through this terrible pandemic. Starting this week, we have asked every church to pray each day at 6 p.m. We invite you to join with us. You’ll be able to find simple resources on the Church of England website and social media channels.

There are three other responses that we want to encourage everyone to consider -

First, let’s be calm. By only buying what we need and not hoarding, or by reaching out to our neighbours as we did during the first lockdown, we can be stronger together in ways that are impossible if we go it alone. When things go wrong - as they always will with such complex challenges - let us look for good and right ways forward together.

Secondly, let’s be courageous. There are many reasons to be fearful at the moment, but the story of Christ calming the waves calls us to give our fears to Jesus and have faith in Him. The British willingness just to get on with things is

one of our very best characteristics – let us not be paralysed by fear. We will all need each other's courage in the months to come.

Thirdly, let's be compassionate. So many of us are holding so much pain - our own and the pain of those we love. We will need to be gentle, kind and patient with each other.

In the first wave we showed we are a nation of compassion and kindness. Let's dig deep and keep that love for our neighbours strong in this second time of struggle.

Even though there is much darkness around us, there are also many points of light in the weeks ahead.

This Sunday is Remembrance Day. As we remember the courage and sacrifice of those who gave everything for this nation in war, we are also reminded of the possibility for hope after destruction, of new life after suffering. In the coming weeks, there are great religious ceremonies. For Hindus, Sikhs and Jains there is Diwali, the festival of light. Sikhs will celebrate the birth of Guru Nanak. The Jewish community will observe Hanukkah. Many Muslim communities have just celebrated Eid-e-Milad, the anniversary of the birth of Muhammad.

Soon it will be Christmas. At his birth Jesus was also called Emmanuel. It's a word that appears in lots of carols. It means 'God is with us'. And this is the message of Christmas: in Jesus, God is with us, sharing our darkness and our struggles, bringing comfort and joy. It is the source of our hope. As the Bible says: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." (John 1:5) Let us shine in the darkness of this winter.

May God bless you and keep you, and all those you love.

The Most Revd & Rt Hon Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury

The Most Revd & Rt Hon Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York



The Church's Booklet of suggested prayers for us to join in with at six o'clock each evening is printed on the following pages.

Let us pray...

Daily Themes

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| Sunday | Family, friends and loved ones |
| Monday | Schools and colleges, children and young people |
| Tuesday | Elderly, isolated and vulnerable |
| Wednesday | Businesses, the workplace and economic wellbeing |
| Thursday | The NHS and other key workers |
| Friday | National and Local government |
| Saturday | All who are grieving, and all suffering with physical and mental ill-health |

Sunday Family, friends and loved ones

We lift to God those we hold in our hearts – praying for their health, their well-being and their sense of hope.

We pray that even when loved ones cannot physically be together they would not feel apart.

We ask for God's help in our communicating, our connecting and our caring.

Monday Schools and colleges, children and young people

We pray for all those involved in the shaping of young lives.

We give God thanks for the sacrifice and commitment of teachers and all those involved in serving children and young people in education.

We pray that all might be

nurtured and cared for and that every needful resource would be made available – that all lives can flourish even in these difficult times and that no-one would be overlooked.

Tuesday Elderly, isolated and vulnerable

We echo God's commitment to those most at risk of this virus by praying today for those who are particularly vulnerable and isolated: praying for their deliverance, protection and comfort.

We hold before God those who care for them – that they would be strengthened and encouraged in this work.

Wednesday Businesses, the workplace and economic wellbeing

In this time of great challenge, we pray for the economic wellbeing of the country.

We remember before God those who face great uncertainty in their work.

We lift before God those who have lost their jobs and face an uncertain and difficult future. We pray for a renewed commitment to our common life together.

Thursday *The NHS and other key workers*

Our God is the great healer – and the agent used more than any other is the NHS. Today we voice our gratitude for those who serve this country in the National Health Service and pray for that God would prosper the work of their hands – that they would all be encouraged in their continued work of sacrifice and care amongst us.

Friday *National and Local government*

We pray for those who are

in positions of authority with responsibility for decision making at national and local level at this difficult time. We ask that God would give great wisdom, deep commitment to all and right judgment.

Saturday *All who are grieving, and all suffering with physical and mental ill-health*

'Lord the one you love is ill...'
John 11 v 3

We bring to God all those who suffer in body, mind, spirit or with grief. We ask that in God's great loving kindness they might know God's sustaining presence amidst their pain.

We pray for those who are stretched beyond their own capacity to cope and remain hopeful – that in the roar of these waterfalls God would bring a sense of coherence, comfort and strength.

A Grace

Dear God

We are grateful for all that you have given to us – this food, each other and our health.

We pray for those who lack these things we enjoy.

Give us thank full hearts and opportunities to share your gifts with others.

We lift before you this country in these difficult days – and pray you would protect us, encourage us and keep us.

Amen.

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