

# Prayers

## for October 2019

Please use this sheet to help you in your prayers for the world, our community and the members and ministries of St. Mary's Church.

**Please contact Heather Ansell if you have any items for prayer, praise or thanks that you would like to include in the monthly church prayer sheet.**

**For other items of prayer please do look at Mary's website:**

**[www.stmarysgreatbaddow.org.uk](http://www.stmarysgreatbaddow.org.uk)**



Tues 1 <sup>st</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to pray for our Prime Minister, members of Parliament and for the EU over Brexit.</li> <li><b>“Be still and know that I am God”</b> an opportunity to spend time in Meditation every Tuesday at 9.30am in church.</li> <li>Give thanks for the opportunity to take ‘Open the Book’ into Baddow Hall Infant and Junior School. Please pray for more people to join this team. See Sue Finch if you would like to know more.</li> <li>Our Ministry Leadership Team meet this evening so pray for them that they may share thoughts and ideas and be guided by the Holy Spirit in any recommendations they make.</li> </ul>
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am Holy Communion in the Prayer Chapel followed by Coffee Pot in Bell Street Hall. Pray for all those who serve and chat to folk at Coffee Pot and Café Club and pray that people will see the notices in the village and pop in to these events.</li> <li>Remember those suffering as a result of hurricane ‘Dorian’ in the Bahamas.</li> <li>Give thanks for Ben and Nicki as they lead Crossfire and pray for them, as some members have gone away to college and new young people come up from Pathfinders.</li> </ul>
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Café Club meets this morning. Pray for conversations, fun and fellowship.</li> <li>Thank God for our thriving Toddler groups at St. Mary's who meet on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings, for the Coffee shop and Soft Play Area at Meadgate and Messy Church at St. Paul's Church. Pray that friendships will develop between the helpers and parents/carers and that the children will have fun together.</li> </ul>
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please remember Philip and Kate as they prepare to move to a new house and as Philip takes on a new role in the Diocese of Colchester. <b><u>See Inspire for more details.</u></b></li> <li>Let us remember the situation between China and Hong Kong and for those involved in the demonstrations on the streets of Hong Kong and for President Trump and his relationship with Iran.</li> </ul>
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the Finance Committees in our 3 churches as they seek guidance regarding the use of funds and that each church member may prayerfully and generously use the resources God has entrusted to them.</li> <li>Pray for our Playschool, for the staff, helpers and committee that they will be guided as they share ideas and make plans which affect the young children in their care.</li> <li>Continue to remember those working in our schools with ‘Made for More’ (Schools Youth Ministry) remembering Lynsey, Kate and Dot, members of St. Mary's, Stephanie from Meadgate and Abigail from St. Paul's.</li> </ul>

Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8am Holy Communion 10am Holy Communion – 1 John ‘Abide in Christ’</li> <li>• <b>6.30pm. Our Annual Memorial and Thanksgiving Service.</b> Pray that many will come and meet with the God who loves them and who offers peace, rest, hope and healing. Continue to remember Anne Moore, from Potters Village, in her retirement.</li> </ul>
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Each week please pray that God will bless those who live in the areas where the prayer cards are being delivered and that people will take this opportunity to voice their concerns so, we as a church can dedicate specific prayers for them.</b> John and Heather Ansell will be prayer walking in The Dell, Kingfisher Lodge and Snelling Grove, and Jacqui Pavey in part of Longmead Avenue during this coming week</li> <li>• Pray for those ordained as Deacons in September and have begun their ministries in various parishes.</li> <li>• This morning remember MAC as they pack up special gifts to be sent to Potters Village to be given to their staff this Christmas and the usual items for Kagando Hospital.</li> </ul>
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pray for issues relating to Climate Change, conservation, protection of wildlife, the oceans and the environment. Let us preserve our world for future generations.</li> <li>• Please continue to pray for the Chelmsford Foodbank and all the Foodbanks around the country. May we be generous in regularly donating food to those in need. Remember those who are stressed and anxious over whether they will be able to provide food for their families. Housing Benefit and Income Support are being combined into Universal Credit, which can cause problems for some people. The Foodbanks are in need of more volunteers to cover a variety of jobs. Please see Pete Southee or Wendy Clarke if you would like to know more.</li> </ul>
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10am Holy Communion and 10am until 12 noon Coffee Pot in Bell Street Hall.</li> <li>• Sue and Kirsty are leading the ‘Tiny Church’ service this afternoon and fortnightly. May many pre-school children and their parents/carers enjoy worshipping together and taking part in the activities.</li> <li>• Remember Crossfire meeting each Wednesday in term time.</li> </ul>
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank God for the work of CHESS. Continue to pray for Rob, Chief Executive, David, Treasurer and the Trustees as they discern God’s will for the continued development of the New London Road site.</li> <li>• Give thanks for the safe delivery of Daniel to Kylie, Bhim and Joshua. Please pray for them as they adjust to having a new member in their family and as they return to India to continue their work.</li> </ul>
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pray for the persecuted church, remembering those Christians in Syria, Iraq, North Korea and other areas of our world who have been driven from their homes and in many cases murdered for no other crime than their faith.</li> <li>• Our 1<sup>st</sup> Autumn Maintenance Day takes place tomorrow. Pray that many will join with others to prune the various trees and shrubs and give the building and adjoining areas of our church a tidy up before the winter comes.</li> </ul>
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remember Alex Podd at Trinity College and Steve Finch at Oak Hill as they continue their ordination training and Anne Health training for Local Lay Ministry in Chelmsford.</li> <li>• Pray for those risking their lives crossing the Channel and trying to enter Britain and those who have been living in camps outside Dunkerque in the hope of finding a safe haven in Britain.</li> </ul>
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pray for the many people who work behind the scenes to enable us to worship and use our 3 churches week by week. Give thanks too for our wardens and all those who stand on the various committees within our churches.</li> <li>• 8am Holy Communion 10am Morning Praise 1 John ‘Children of God’ and a focus on PRISONS WEEK 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> October. 6.30pm. Encounter...with Holy Communion.</li> </ul>

Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pray for those suffering as a result of the shootings in America and for the controversial issues relating to Gun Laws.</li> <li>• Give thanks for our clergy and their families in the 3 churches and pray for them as they hold their staff meeting this morning.</li> <li>• Remember Derek Thompson prayer walking in Baden-Powell Close during this week.</li> <li>• During <b>PRISONS WEEK</b> let us pray each day for different areas of work: - <b>For the families of Prisoners.</b></li> <li>• Pray for Dot Cumming as she leads the Breakfast and Bibles group this morning in Bell Street Hall.</li> </ul>
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pray for grace and wisdom for medical, nursing and allied health professionals, chaplains and carers on the front line of medical ethics, treating and caring for seriously ill patients suffering from severe pain and distress. Pray God will help them as they make difficult decisions to uphold the value and dignity of human life.</li> <li>• Book Club meets this evening. Pray that people will bring their friends and enjoy fellowship together as they discuss books they have read.</li> <li>• Let us pray for <b>those who work in the criminal justice system.</b></li> </ul>
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10am Holy Communion. Coffee Pot is open in Bell Street Hall from 10am until 12 noon.</li> <li>• Pray that many will take the opportunity to fill up shoeboxes with children's gifts, which will be handed to a local charity 'The Little Edi Foundation' and then be sent to the children in Moldavia.</li> <li>• Let us pray for <b>victims of crime</b></li> </ul>
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remember Archbishop Justin Welby, Bishop Stephen and Bishop John in their leadership roles within the Anglican Church. Remember too Archdeacon Elizabeth and the Area Dean Tim Ball in their ministries within this Diocese.</li> <li>• Café Club is open this morning. Give thanks for the new folk who have come and pray that they may find friendship and enjoyment meeting with others.</li> <li>• Let us pray for <b>prisoners</b></li> </ul>
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remember the people on duty in church every Thursday and Friday lunch times. Pray that any visitors who come in will receive a warm welcome and peaceful surroundings in which to rest.</li> <li>• Let us pray for <b>prison staff, volunteers, chaplains and all who care.</b></li> </ul>
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Think of those in our parish who are unable to come to our churches but who value Holy Communion in their own homes and pray that they may feel part of our church families and enjoy fellowship and friendship with those who visit.</li> <li>• Let us pray for those <b>who organise and run Alpha Courses, Sycamore Tree etc.</b></li> </ul>
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 am Holy Communion 10am Holy Communion 1 John ' The Challenge of Love' 6.30pm Encounter...</li> <li>• Pray for those who have no permanent home, those in CHESS, those living in Bed and Breakfast, those families living in containers which are very hot in summer and freezing in winter, those still suffering as a result of the Grenfell fire.</li> </ul>
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to pray for Living Lightly and Climate Crisis. Help us remember to collect our crisp packets (which are not currently collected by kerbside recycling) and put them in the box in church. May we also look at the Give and Share Sheets, which is a good way of recycling, decluttering and helping others with items you no longer require.</li> </ul>
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remember all those involved in the planning and preparing for 'Glitter &amp; Glo' on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November.</li> <li>• Pray for any known to you in special need today.</li> <li>• Continue to remember our Prime Minister, government and members of Parliament.</li> </ul>

<b>Wed 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10am Holy Communion followed by Coffee Pot in Bell Street Hall.</li> <li>• Pray for Sue and Kirsty as they lead Tiny Church this afternoon.</li> <li>• Continue to pray for those in government responsible for the National Health System, Education, Social Care and Housing. Remember too those working in these areas.</li> </ul>
<b>Thurs 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pray for an end to modern day slavery and child trafficking across the world remembering those suffering as a result of these crimes and those agencies trying to educate and alleviate the problems.</li> <li>• Remember Philip, Kate, Kristen and Daniel as they prepare to move later this year.</li> </ul>
<b>Fri 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to pray for our Prime Minister, members of Parliament and for the EU over Brexit and a possible General Election.</li> <li>• Pray for our young people who have had to change their plans following their exam results and for those who are still trying to find the right course or right type of employment to apply to.</li> <li>• Remember our clergy in the Team GB as they prepare the services and events leading up to Christmas.</li> </ul>
<b>Sat 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remember those involved in knife crime. For the agencies and youth workers helping educate young people and to address the problems caused by gang culture.</li> <li>• Pray for all those attending the Christian Healing Ministry meeting at The Orchards, Meadgate Church today. May the speaker, Revd. Lucyann Ashdown, Chair of the Trustees, Guild of Health and St. Raphael, be guided by the Holy Spirit as she speaks to those attending.</li> </ul>
<b>Sun 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8am Holy Communion 10am Family Service and 6.30pm Encounter...with Holy Communion.</li> <li>• Continue to pray for the problems relating to Climate Change and remember those dealing with the aftermath of the fires in the Amazon Rain Forests, the rise in temperatures which are causing the melting of the Arctic ice and the rise in the oceans and possible flooding of islands.</li> </ul>
<b>Mon 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our alternative to a Halloween Party 'Glitter and Glo' takes place in St. Mary's on Saturday. Pray that many children will choose to come to this instead of the usual Halloween events. Remember too all those involved in the planning and preparing for this event.</li> <li>• As our children are on holiday this week pray for parents who find it stressful as they try to entertain or provide care for their children.</li> </ul>
<b>Tues 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pray for those working for our Diocesan office; for Roger, Joel, Steve, Sally and for Helen, Personal Assistant to Archdeacon Elizabeth and Mary, Personal Assistant to Bishop Stephen.</li> <li>• Give thanks for the generosity of so many people in providing items for the Food Bank, especially at our Harvest service and pray for those issuing the vouchers week by week and for those visiting the Food Bank in Great Baddow this afternoon.</li> </ul>
<b>Wed 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10am Holy Communion 10am until 12 noon Coffee Pot is open in Bell Street Hall.</li> <li>• Remember Crossfire as they hold a social this evening. Pray for those new members that they will feel part of the group and enjoy friendship and support as they meet together.</li> </ul>
<b>Thurs 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Café Club is meeting this week although it is half term in the schools.</li> <li>• Pray that many will attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> Autumn Maintenance Day this coming Saturday and help prepare our church building and the surrounding areas ready for winter.</li> <li>• Whatever is relevant today please pray for our country, government and members of our parliament.</li> </ul>