

Prayers for February 2020

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 you would like to include in the monthly church prayer sheet.

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'Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths'.



Sat 1 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following on from Brexit we pray for all those involved in making decisions which effect our country, our relationships with Europe, those non-British people anxious about their futures, our finance, commerce and industries. Continue to pray for world peace, that heads of state and rulers, may have the wisdom to do what is right. That all who work to improve international relationships, may find the right way to reconcile people of different race, belief and culture. Following our focus spot, at the end of last month, we pray for the work of the Children's Society and for those caring for the welfare of children and young people. Pray for areas of the world, including our own, where children are exploited and traumatised by the situations they witness or are involved in.
Sun 2 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8am Holy Communion 10am Holy Communion with the theme 'Presentation in the Temple'. At this service we welcome the Ven. John Pemumbalath, Bishop of Bradwell who will preside and preach. 6.30pm. A Reflective Service. Give thanks and pray for our clergy in Team GB and their families. Continue to pray for Australia and the devastating fires. Remember the families of the firefighters killed and for those providing food, shelter and medical help for both humans and the animals who are suffering.
Mon 3 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MAC are packing up parcels this morning. Kagando Hospital – would like to thank us at St. Mary's for the 'beautiful clothes' we sent them via MAC and that the clothes, which were passed on to the Home for Destitutes in the mountains, were received with joy. Pray too for the patients with cholera and mental illness, both conditions being successfully treated. Prayer requests for Kisiizi –Remember Ian and Hanna Spillman who have returned to Kisiizi after a break in the UK. Thank God that the Health Insurance Scheme is proving so successful as other hospitals in the East Africa region are interested in introducing it to their hospitals. Pray for the staff members who have taken over from Ann Moore (now retired and living in the UK) and for Pamela and Sayuni, senior nurses who are now responsible for receiving and distributing the contents of our parcels.

Tues 4 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Be still and know that I am God” an opportunity to spend time in Meditation every Tuesday at 9.30am in church • Pray for the treasurers of our 3 churches as they compile the accounts and produce them for the auditors. • Continue to pray for those going into Baddow Hall School with ‘Open the Book’ that the children will be attentive and engage with the stories. • Remember Phil, Kate, Kristen and Daniel as they settle into their new home, church and Philip in his new role in the Colchester Area.
Weds 5 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am Holy Communion followed by Coffee Pot in Bell Street Hall each Wednesday morning this month. • Continue to remember our children and young people’s work within our parish. For Steph the Youth Minister at Meadgate and all who teach our young people in the 3 churches. Pray too that Messy Church at St. Paul’s will make connections with young families and children. Give thanks for the safe arrival of a little girl to Steph and her husband, both members of Meadgate Church.
Thurs 6 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray for Roger & Di, Sue & Glenn as they leave the UK and begin their visit to Kenya. Pray especially for their safety as they travel and for their good health. • Café Club meet this morning. Pray that the notices advertising this and Coffee Pot events will be seen around the village and new folk will venture in and receive a friendly welcome. • Prayer requests from Potters Village- Give thanks for a new administrator, Aidah who began there in January. Pray that she will learn quickly and prove reliable, efficient and honest. • Please pray for Julie Miller as she prepares to be part of the Compassion Challenge team climbing Kilimanjaro this month. May Julie’s knees stay strong as she has had knee problems for many years.
Fri 7 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray for those working in the National Health Service especially those working with the elderly, children and vulnerable adults. Remember too the administrators who face huge challenges regarding finance and front-line nursing. • Remember the families and friends of those killed in the plane crash in Iraq. • Pray for Linda Lane and Jess Wiseman (from St. Mary’s Widford) as they prepare for their visit to Africa. See February Inspire for more details and please take a bookmark/itinerary from the Welcome Corner. • Our Standing Committee meets this evening.
Sat 8 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank God for all those who help to make our community, here in Great Baddow, such a good place to live – our doctor’s surgeries, shopkeepers, police, community officers and the Community Care group. Pray that more people will volunteer to help with this service to the people in our neighbourhood • Pray for our Government and members of Parliament.
Sun 9 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8am Holy Communion 10am Morning Praise and 6.30pm. Encounter...with Holy Communion. Remember Roger & Di, Sue & Glenn as they attend the re-dedication of St. Thomas Cathedral in Kerugoya, in Kenya. • Please continue to pray for our team ministry during this interregnum, for the added responsibility of the Wardens - Andy & Richard; for strength and good health for Sue; for the GB Team as we work more closely together; for congregation during time of change and for growth during the vacancy.

Mon 10 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remember Linda Lane and Jess, from St. Mary's Church, Widford as they prepare to leave from Gatwick and travel to Rwanda tomorrow. Pray for those areas of the world suffering from the effects of Climate Change. Pray that those discussing the various issues will unite in their attitudes to CO2 gases.
Tues 11 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please continue to pray for the Chelmsford Foodbank and all the Foodbanks around the country. May we be generous in regularly donating food that can be given to those in need. Remember those who are stressed and anxious over whether they will be able to provide heating and food for their families during the winter months. Remember all those involved in Messy Tea this afternoon and that the children and parents/carers will enjoy the activities and Bible story time.
Weds 12 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Holy Communion followed by Coffee Pot in Bell Street Hall. We pray that God will thwart the plans of those who are planning acts of terrorism in our world. Pray too for protection over those in the armed forces, for the Intelligence Services, Police and ancillary departments directly or indirectly involved in protecting people.
Thurs 13 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prayer requests for Kagando Praise God that Kagando's Hydro Electric Scheme now has a Government licence to go ahead but pray for the funding needed (\$1,000,000). Following on from a successful Alpha course, two follow-on-courses ("Blessings" and "How to Pray") are planned for early February, along with another Alpha course to run in a nearby Technical school.
Fri 14 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pray that those who are part of our church opening team will show God's love and warm welcome to any who visit our church on Thursday and Friday lunchtimes. Give thanks for our Royal Family and their commitment and dedication and pray for them at this difficult time. Continue to remember Julie Miller as she climbs Kilimanjaro this month.
Sat 15 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to remember the country of Yemen and its people suffering at the hands of the Syrian fighters. Pray that aid will be allowed to enter the country and that the aid workers will not be hindered in its distribution. Pray for all those children, young people and leaders involved with Messy Church in St. Paul's this morning from 10.00am
Sun 16 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8am Holy Communion 10am Holy Communion with the theme 'Do Not Worry'. We welcome at this service Anita Ball (wife of Tim Ball, Minister at Meadgate Church) who will be preaching. 6.30pm Reflective Service Pray for Sue as she preaches at the Cathedral in Kirirago With half term this coming week, pray for the teachers and children as they relax and enjoy this break from school. Pray also for those parents who find school holidays stressful and who find it difficult to find care for their children when they have to work.
Mon 17 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please pray that God will bless those who live in the roads 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. Heather and John Ansell will be prayer walking in part of Baddow Hall Cres. during this coming week.
Tues 18 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to pray for Kylie, Bhim, Joshua and Daniel. For Kylie and Bhim's work to help alleviate human trafficking by educating people to the danger signs. Pray too for safety for them as they travel around South East Asia and for their good health. Remember the Book Club. Pray that they will be welcoming to new folk and that they will continue to enjoy discussing books together

Weds 19 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am Holy Communion followed by Coffee Pot in Bell Street Hall. • Remember those from our parish, Kate, Lynsey and Abigail who are part of the 'Made for More' (SYM) team and who go into our schools to lead Emerge groups, lessons etc. and for Dot Cumming who is one of the mentors.
Thurs 20 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remember Linda and Jess Wiseman (from St. Mary's Widford) who will be staying and volunteering at Potters Village for the next 7 days. • Remember the war- torn countries around the world and pray for all those agencies working to alleviate suffering. Pray too that the governments and leaders of these countries will strive for peace and justice for the people they govern.
Fri 21 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank God for all His blessings and provisions to CHESSE during the past year and pray for the staff, trustees, chaplain and volunteers. Pray also for the Winter Project providing beds for those who would otherwise be sleeping in the open.
Sat 22 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to remember the Chelmsford Diocesan links with the 5 Diocese in Kenya and the Diocese of Karlstad in Sweden. • Please pray for Roger, Sue and Glenn as they fly home from Kenya today.
Sun 23 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8am Holy Communion 10am Family Service - theme 'Goodness and Faithfulness'. • Pray too for the children being Baptised this morning and that their parents, families and friends, will find it to be a very special service for them. • 6.30pm Encounter...with Holy Communion.
Mon 24 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remember those working in Broomfield Hospital, the medical and administrative staff and those working for the NHS in the community at this difficult time. • Give thanks for all those in our 3 churches who lead us in our worship and minister to us. For those on the audio/visual team, musicians, singers, wardens, welcome team, readers, those who lead us in prayer, vergers, cleaners and the many other folk who quietly do jobs behind the scenes week by week.
Tues 25 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remember the Food Banks serving in Chelmsford and for the one in Great Baddow opening its doors this afternoon. • Messy Tea followed by Pancakes is being held in St. Mary's this afternoon. Pray for safety for all, a good time of fun, activities and a Bible story followed by pancakes will be enjoyable to all.
Weds 26 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ash Wednesday. 10am Holy Communion followed by Coffee Pot. 8pm Team GB Holy Communion Service at St. Paul's Church. • Pray for our Playschool, 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.
Thurs 27 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Café Club meets this morning. • Pray for those areas of the world suffering from the effects of Climate Change. Pray that those discussing the various issues will unite in their attitudes to CO2 gases. As we move into a time of Lent may we be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit and prepare ourselves for the Easter period.
Fri 28 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remember those in government responsible for the funding of Education, NHS and Social Care and for the use of those funds. • Please pray for any world situations, which have occurred during this month, which have not been mentioned due to the early printing of this sheet.
Sat 29 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray for Linda and Jess as they say their goodbyes and fly back to the <u>UK</u> today. <p>OUR CHURCH PRAYER FOR 2020 HEAVENLY FATHER, WE THANK YOU THAT WE CAN TRUST YOU. MAY WE KEEP OUR EYES ON YOU AND LOOK TO YOU FOR WISDOM, RATHER THAN THINKING WE KNOW BEST. HELP US, BY YOUR SPIRIT, TO LIVE FOR YOU EACH DAY. AMEN.</p>