

Prayers

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

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Sun 1 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remember Steve and Beth Finch as they settle back into life at Oak Hill and as Steve continues his training for ordination. Pray too for Alex Podd as she continues her training at Trinity College, Bristol and for Anne Heath training for the Local Lay Ministry in Chelmsford. 8am Holy Communion 10am Holy Communion - I John – ‘The Word of Life’ 6.30pm. Evening Praise. Pray for all those suffering from the floods and torrential rains in Derbyshire and the North of England.
Mon 2 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pray for all those children beginning new schools this week and for those who will be joining Powerhouse. Our Morning Prayer at 8.30am and the weekly 7pm Prayer Meeting, for the Church and the World resumes today after our summer break. Pray that the Holy Spirit will prompt us, as a church family, to see the importance of coming together to pray to our Heavenly Father 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. Remember Di Matthews as she prayer walks in Longfield Road and Chelmer Lea during this week.
Tues 3 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pray for all the plans for the “Ride and Stride” event, on Saturday 14th Sept, in aid of Friends of Essex Churches. Continue to pray for young people having to make decisions, regarding their futures, after receiving their exam results. Remember too those beginning new careers and those leaving home to go to university for the first time. ‘Be still and know that I am God’. Pray that more people will take this opportunity to spend time in Meditation with God on a Tuesday morning from 9.30am until 10am in the Prayer Chapel.
Wed 4 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 pray that people will see the notice in the village and pop in. Pray for those suffering as a result of Knife Crime and for those trying to find solutions. Let us remember the situation between China and Hong Kong and for those involved in the demonstrations on the streets of Hong Kong.

Thurs 5 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As Café Club re-opens its doors after the summer break, pray that people will see the notice outside church and venture in. Playschool resumes today after the summer break. Pray that new children that they will soon feel settled and make new friends.
Fri 6 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give thanks for all those on the Church Opening rota and pray that any who come through our doors will feel welcomed and find peace and God's love. Pray for Matthew and Amber as they prepare for their Wedding Day on the 14th September and their future lives together. Continue to pray for those suffering as a result of the Ebola epidemic in DRC and for their treatment. As the DRC borders Uganda, we pray for protection for those in and around the area of Kagando Hospital. Give thanks for the breakthrough in treating the disease and pray that it will be successful.
Sat 7 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give thanks for all those who helped in any way with the Messy Mornings during the summer holiday and pray for the follow up of children who attended but who haven't joined Powerhouse. Remember Kirsty as she leads this group. As we pray for the problems of Climate Change let us remember those who suffered from the fires in Russia and Alaska.
Sun 8 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8am Holy Communion 10am Morning Praise 1 John 'Light and Darkness'. This service will include <u>a Focus on Mid Africa Concern</u> and we welcome today Ann Moore who retired this summer having served at Kisiizi Hospital for more than 20 years. At this service we will also be Commissioning those involved in our Children's Ministry. 6.30pm Encounter...with Holy Communion. Thank God for our children and young people in Powerhouse and Pathfinders. Pray that the children and young people moving to new groups will quickly settle in. Remember too those children who attended Messy Mornings and now wish to join Powerhouse
Mon 9 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mid Africa Concern are packing parcels this morning. Our focus spot yesterday has given us some up-to-date information which will help us pray more informatively. Our PCC meet this evening. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide them as they discuss topics relating to the ministries and mission of our church. Remember Fiona Scott who will be prayer walking in Gowers Avenue and Hampton Road during this week. (See the note in bold on the 2nd September).
Tues 10 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give thanks for 'Open the Book' and for the opportunity to go into Baddow Hall School with Bible stories etc. Continue to pray for the work of the UK Food bank network as it helps those who are struggling to feed themselves and their families, which may be due to redundancy, illness, benefit delay, domestic violence, debt, family breakdown and paying for the additional costs of heating as winter approaches. Pray for the new 6-week course 'Parentalk' – the Primary Years beginning this morning in church. May many attend and find it really helpful as they discuss issues relating to family life and bringing up their children.
Wed 11 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Holy Communion followed by Coffee Pot in Bell Street Hall. Tiny Church re-starts today and continues fortnightly, after the summer break, in the Church Centre. Pray for Sue and Kirsty as they plan these sessions for pre-school children. Pray for those suffering as a result of the shootings in America and for the controversial issues relating to Gun Laws.

Thurs 12th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to pray for the communications between President Trump and the leaders of Iran, China, North Korea, Russia, Afghanistan and the situations at the Mexican border. • Pray for our Police Force and those working with young people tackling the problem of increased knife crime on our streets.
Fri 13th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray for Tearfund. Part of their work is to bring changes to unjust policies, to respond to disasters and by showing people the skills they have at their fingertips and help them to unlock their God-given potential – with lifelong results. • Friends of Essex Churches Trust are holding their fundraising event Ride and Stride tomorrow to help raise money for historic churches. Pray for the success of this event, for safety for the participants and good weather.
Sat 14th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remember Matthew and Amber being married today in St. Mary's. May it be a very special day for the couple, their families and friends. • Continue to give thanks and pray for all our young people and musicians who are performing 'Let there be Light' in the Cramphorn Theatre at 2pm and 7pm today.
Sun 15th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8am Holy Communion 10am Holy Communion 1 John 'Walking in the Light' and 6.30pm Encounter... • Pray for David and Emma as they prepare for their Wedding on the 21st September in St. Mary's Church and for their future lives together.
Mon 16th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank God for the work of the homeless charity, CHESS, and for the way God has guided and provided for them over many years. Pray for the Chaplains, staff, volunteers and trustees as they all play a part in supporting the clients and showing God's love. Remember too the trustees that God will guide them as they discuss and plan future developments.
Tues 17th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remember the Book Club meeting tonight. Pray that they will be welcoming to new folk and that they will continue to enjoy discussing books together. • Pray for those leading the second 'Parentalk' session this morning and for interaction with those attending. • Remember those who will be leaving home for the first time to study at university and pray for their parents and siblings as they make adjustments.
Wed 18th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray 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. • 10am Holy Communion in the Prayer Chapel and Coffee Pot in Bell Street Hall.
Thurs 19th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Café Club meets this morning. Pray that people will see the notice in and around the church and venture in. • Give thanks for the 40 years of Prison Fellowship and also thank God for the open door for Prison Fellowship and Kintsugi Hope (Discovering treasurer in life's scars) to work together to develop this powerful material for a prison context. Pray for wisdom, inspiration and dedication as the work begins, and that ultimately, it might bring freedom to many people in prison.
Fri 20th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Remember Revd Tim Pigrem, Christine Smith and the other Street Pastors as they minister to folk at night over the weekend, in Chelmsford town centre. • Give thanks for Ann Moore and for the many years she has served as Senior Nurse in Kisiizi Hospital in southwest Uganda. Pray for Ann as she seeks God's will for her, in her retirement back in the UK.

Sat 21st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give thanks for those who arrange our church flowers each Sunday and pray for those who will be decorating our church for our Harvest Family Service. • Pray for David and Emma being married at St. Mary's today. May it be a very special day for the couple, their families and friends.
Sun 22nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8am Holy Communion 10am Harvest Family Service and 6.30pm Encounter...with Holy Communion. 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.
Mon 23rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray for those in power involved in the issues between Pakistan and India over Kashmir. • Remember John Kingham who will be prayer walking in Pump Hill, Bell Street, Palmerston Lodge and Spencer Phillips House during this week. (See the note in bold on the 2nd September).
Tues 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remember those attending the third session of 'Parentalk' taking place in St. Mary's this morning. • Continue to pray for the work of Christian Aid and especially their work to those suffering in Sierra Leone.
Wed 25th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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.
Thurs 26th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray for the areas of the world where there is conflict and those trying to bring aid i.e. Yemen, Syria, Middle East and Afghanistan. • Continue to pray for our Prime Minister and all members of Parliament. Give wisdom as there is much discussion on Brexit.
Fri 27th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remember the Schools Youth Ministry as they prepare for another term going into our schools in Chelmsford. After much prayer, it was unanimously agreed that they will be adopting the name 'Made for More'. When they go into schools and see young people struggling with identity issues, lack of self-esteem, a sense of being lost, they want their message to them to be 'you are made for more than this'. Pray that this will be a positive move which will help our young people feel they have a worth based on the love God has for them and not on what the world tells them, what they own or how they look.
Sat 28th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give thanks for Polly (Mary and Steve's daughter), Guy Willis (Stephen and Jane's son), Hannah and David (Roger and Di's family) as they have gone out from St. Mary's to serve as clergy in various churches around London. Give thanks also for our clergy in the 3 churches in the Team GB and pray for them and their families. Pray also for Matt Houghton as he ministers in Ingatestone.
Sun 29th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8am Holy Communion 10am All Age Service with Baptisms. Pray that this will be a very special service for the parents, families and friends of the children being Baptised. 6.30pm A Reflective Holy Communion Service.
Mon 30th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to pray for all the issues and debates over Climate Change and protecting the environment. The use of plastics being one of the issues. • Give thanks for our clergy and their families in the Team GB. Pray that they will be guided by the Holy Spirit as they hold their staff meeting this morning and plan future services and events.