

Prayer

Prayer and Healing Ministry

As a Church Family, God calls us to “pray without ceasing” for one another and for our neighbourhood. With this in mind, a Calendar of Prayer covering the whole of The Parish Of Three Saints has been drawn up. Each Sunday we will be highlighting a particular road or street, plus an organisation or group of people in our Parish or Diocese and encouraging you to pray for them during the week. The Calendar of Prayer will also be available in the prayer corners of each of our church buildings.

This week please pray for....

- Those living in Church Corner and Slade Lane, Lympsham.
- Garages and filling stations in our parish.

Don't be afraid to ask for Prayer!

If you or a loved one are going through a difficult time and would like prayer, please contact our Prayer Group Co-ordinator **Gwen Hatton 01934 750416**. The Friday Prayer Group will support you in prayer for as long as you need and everything is absolutely confidential.

Alternatively, if you or a loved one would like to be included in this public prayer list in the Sunday Link and prayed for by the whole Church Family, please contact Carole in the Church Office 01278-769082 or Ginnie Soffe 01278-769117. Please ask for the person's permission beforehand.

Please continue to pray for Iona, Caroline, Mervyn, Luke, Ben, David, Carole, Kathryn, Peter and Marcus.

Diary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9th June Pentecost 08.00 St Michael's Holy Communion 10.00 St Mary's Parish Eucharist	10th	11th 10.30 Toddlers Brent Knoll Methodist Church	12th 08.45 Coffee Time St Mary's	13th 19.00 Deanery Synod St Peter's, Draycott 19.30 All Sorts Choir St Mary's	14th	15th
16th June 08.00 St Christopher's Holy Communion 10.00 St Michael's Parish Eucharist	17th 9.00-10.30 Emmaus Brentcombe House, East Brent 16.00-17.30 Alzheimer's and Dementia Carers Group Brentcombe House, East Brent	18th 10.30 Toddlers Brent Knoll Methodist Church	19th 08.45 Coffee Time St Mary's 14.00 Emmaus Church Office	20th 14.30 Comfort Group 19.30 All Sorts Choir St Mary's	21st 10.00 Prayer Group 2 The Worthings, Lympsham	22nd
23rd June 08.00 St Mary's Holy Communion 10.00 St Christopher's Parish Eucharist 18.30 St Michael's	24th	25th 10.30 Toddlers Brent Knoll Methodist Church	26th 08.45 Coffee Time St Mary's	27th 14.30 Bereaved Friends Group 2 The Worthings, Lympsham BS24 0DJ 19.30 All Sorts Choir St Mary's	28th	29th 14.00 Lympsham Fete

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For further contact information please see our parish website - www.theparishofthreesaints.org.uk

If you would like to submit anything for the Sunday Link please email it to Carole at office.tpots@gmail.com by **Thursday**. Please also send anything for **The Parish of Three Saints** website to the same address.



Connecting faith and daily life

A family likeness

Heather Smith *reflects on* John 14:8-17

People who have grown up without knowing their birth parents often want to find them, even though it can be a difficult, emotional process. It may not even be possible to find them, or to find who they were but that they have died. This desire to know our family origins extends beyond our parents – there is a huge interest in family history, with genealogy websites and even the celebrity programme *Who Do You Think You Are?*

If you find out about your long-lost ancestors it may bring some surprises. If you have turned up something unexpected or even scandalous it could cause family conflict. But if you find a living parent the emotional consequences can be huge.

The disciples get similarly obsessive when, just before today's reading begins, Jesus talks about the Father: "If you know me, you will know my Father also." You can hear the frustration as Philip says: "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied."

Sometimes we find astonishing similarities with a relative we have never met before. Jesus' response is that anyone who has seen him has seen the Father. If we find striking resemblances to our only-just-met human relatives, Jesus resembles the Father even more, because the doctrine of the Trinity tells us there is no difference. If the Father seems elusive we need only look to Jesus. ☺



God our Father, in you we live and move and have our being. Give us the grace, compassion and faith to treat all your children as our brothers and sisters. Amen.

Animals of the Bible

The dove

by Caroline Fletcher

Biblical doves may not be have been white. Wild doves looked more like pigeons, hence Psalm 68's description of their plumage as "silver" and "green gold". Indeed, the original biblical languages use the same words for both pigeon and dove.

The dove released from Noah's ark returned bearing an olive leaf,

showing that the flood and God's judgement were over. This inspired early Christians to carve doves holding olive branches onto tombs, symbolising peace with God.

Pigeons and turtle doves were used in the sacrificial system as sin offerings, mainly by poorer people who could not afford to sacrifice a lamb. After Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph offered this poor person's sacrifice, reflecting their modest circumstances.

The Gospels describe the Holy Spirit descending upon Jesus at his baptism "like a dove", so doves also symbolise the Spirit: impressive for a bird we might dismiss as only a pigeon! ☺

“When you strip it of everything else, Pentecost stands for power and life.

David Wilkerson (1931-2011), author and evangelist

The Camino

Rob Hayter concludes his account of walking the Camino in Spain

They say it's better to travel than to arrive, and walking the Camino is about so much more than arriving in Santiago. That said, though, the journey's end is a great joy. Standing in the Praza do Obradoiro by the cathedral alongside many other pilgrims was a time of great solidarity and celebration.

Obradoiro is the Galician word for "workshop" and this

was where hundreds of stonemasons worked on this impressive Romanesque building. Construction began in 1075 and the last stone was laid in 1122, with later Gothic and Baroque additions in the sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. No doubt, after a day's work, the workers were as tired and dusty as we were.

"What does it profit them if they gain the whole world, but lose or forfeit themselves?" asks Luke. My prayer is that at the end of my earthly pilgrimage I will have become a bit kinder, more considerate and thoughtful. ☺

Bible Readings

First Reading

Acts 2. 1-21

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

Peter Addresses the Crowd

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above

and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Gospel Reading

John 14. 8-17

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

Second Reading

Romans 8. 14-17

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.



We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, gay, confused, filthy rich, comfortable, or dirt poor.

We extend a special welcome to wailing babies and excited toddlers.

We welcome you whether you can sing like Pavarotti or just growl quietly to yourself. You're welcome here if you're 'just browsing,' just woken up or just got out of prison.

We don't care if you're more Christian than the Archbishop of Canterbury, or haven't been to church since Christmas ten years ago.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast.

We welcome keep-fit mums, football dads, staring artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters.

We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted.

We welcome you if you're having problems, are down in the dumps or don't like 'organised religion.' (We're not that keen on it either!)

We offer a welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or are here because granny is visiting and wanted to come to church.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced, both or neither.

We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throat as kids or got lost in the Somerset Countryside and wound up here by mistake.

We welcome pilgrims, tourists, seekers, doubters... and you!

Collect for Today

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

What's On



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Our Vision for the Parish of Three Saints

Our desire is to deepen our spiritual awareness and relationship with God so that we can serve our communities more effectively as His hands and feet, and also to develop our sacred spaces to make them welcoming, flexible and suited to the broad ranging needs of our communities.

(Taken from The Parish Profile 2018)

Stewardship/Church Life Giving Champion

Regular monetary income is essential for the church to function and pay its way day to day, week by week. The parish urgently needs a Stewardship/Church Life Giving Champion to work with me, the Treasurer and diocesan adviser to encourage people to commit to consistent generous support of the Church Life funds, as there is a substantial shortfall in this budgeted area. The continuing mission and outreach of the church family needs funding.

While interpersonal skills are paramount, no financial knowledge is needed; training and resources are available.

What you can do...

1. Pray that the right person comes forward;
2. Listen quietly for God's prompting;
3. Ask yourself if you could do this, or if there is someone you think might be good at it;
4. Speak to the Vicar or Wardens or Treasurer.

Thank you, Revd Kevin Wright (Incumbent)

Deanery Synod

The next meeting of the Deanery Synod will take place at 7pm on **13th June** at **St Peter's Church, Draycott.**

Everyone welcome.

Facebook

We now have a Parish Facebook page!
Just type **tpots** in the search bar.
Administrators are Max, Victoria and Kevin.



New event for East Brent - St. Mary's In Bloom

Saturday 6th July 2019 2.00 - 4.30pm

St. Mary's Church, East Brent, will be open from 2.00 - 4.30pm on Saturday 6th July for delicious afternoon tea and to view displays of flowers as part of our 'In Bloom' event.

- Grand Raffle and Plant sale
- Children's competition - arrangement in either a tea-cup or jam jar in two age groups, up to age 7 & 7 and above.
- **Would you like to add to the flower display?** If so, please bring your arrangement to St. Mary's on Friday 5th July during the afternoon. You don't have to be an experienced floral artist to join in – we would very much welcome all arrangements, large or small, to add to the decorations.
- Donations of cake for the afternoon would also be much appreciated.

If you would like any further information, please contact the Church office on 01278 769082 or Maxine Bashford 01278 760190

**Blessed are you, Lord God of all Creation; through your goodness we have this money to offer
..... to do your work in the world.**

During our worship an offering will be collected. If you wish to join with our offering there is a yellow envelope nearby for your contribution or you can, of course, simply add your donation to the bag that will be passed along the pew during our offertory hymn. Many of our Church Family make a regular contribution to the running and work of the Parish by Standing Order. If this is something you would like to find out more about, please see one of the Stewards or a Churchwarden.