

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 Bristol Road, East Brent and Rooksbridge.
- TPOTS Buildings and Grounds Team.

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 Softe 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
16th June 08.00 St Christopher's Holy Communion 10.00 St Michael's Parish Eucharist 14.00-17.00 Open Gardens Lympsham	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	22nd
23rd June 08.00 St Mary's Holy Communion 10.00 St Christopher's Parish Eucharist 18.30 St Michael's Evening Prayer	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
30th June 10.00 St Christopher's Parish Eucharist	1st July 9.00-10.30 Emmaus Brentcombe House East Brent	2nd 10.30 Toddlers Brent Knoll Methodist Church	3rd 08.45 Coffee Time St Mary's 14.00 Emmaus Church Office	4th 19.30 All Sorts Choir St Mary's	5th	6th 14.00-16.30 St Mary's in Bloom Afternoon Teas

Contacts

SAFEGUARDING: We take safeguarding very seriously. If you have any concerns for a child or a vulnerable adult please contact our parish Safeguarding Officer (a voluntary position) Kathy Quinnell (01278-760031) or contact the central diocesan team <https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/diocese/safeguarding/rep>

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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.

The benefit of hindsight

Heather Smith *reflects on* Proverbs 8:1-4. 22-31



It is easy to be wise after the event. “We should have checked,” goes the cry when things go wrong.

In engineering there is a “lessons-learned review” at the end of a project. Everyone involved writes down what went well – so we can do the same next time – and what that went badly – so we don’t repeat mistakes. Unfortunately, such reviews often get filed away and never looked at again, so the next team is destined to repeat old mistakes, and probably add a few new ones.

By contrast, God brought in Wisdom at the beginning. In *Principles of Philosophy*, Descartes wrote, “It is really only God alone who has Perfect Wisdom... who

has a complete knowledge of the truth of all things.” Today’s reading tells us that God’s first act was to create Wisdom and then to work with her to create the world.

Wisdom has a Greek name, Sophia, and mystics such as Thomas Merton and Hildegard of Bingen meditated upon her. In Constantinople the famous Eastern Orthodox church, Hagia (Holy) Sophia, was dedicated to her.

Sister Joyce Rupp wrote: “We need to look for Sophia. By her very nature she is relational, present in the world, interacting among people and ordinary human lives. By desiring to know her, by opening our minds and hearts, her radiance will permeate our lives.” If we do as Sister Joyce suggests, perhaps we can learn to be wise before the event. ☺

Lord God, from whom all wisdom comes. We look for Sophia, present in the world, among us in our day-to-day lives. We desire to know her, to open our hearts and minds, and to allow her radiance to permeate our lives. Amen.

Summer

by Ricarda Witcombe

Summer is here and the garden needs my attention. The grass needs to be mown, weeds need to be extracted, and the biggest job of all – it needs water. All this takes time, but the tasks have their rewards, especially if I notice what is happening. With the water, the leaves of the thirsty plants seem to dance in relief. Almost before my very

eyes, wilted stems and leaves become alive again.

Gardens can be such good mirrors of our souls. As I water, I ponder what it is that makes me come alive again when I am weary and thirsty of heart. As I pull up the weeds, I wonder what are the things that overcrowd my life. As I notice the flowers, I rejoice that such beauty is growing in my midst, and pray for the grace to notice beauty in my own life and in those around me. ☺

Walking with Poppy

Side by side

by Gillian Cooper

Poppy is not really very keen on walks. She likes sniffing and playing, but doesn't quite see the point of just walking. Unless, that is, she is walking with her friend Bella. They trot along happily, sometimes side by side, sometimes taking it in turns to

lead, looking across at each other and exchanging the occasional nudge. Walking in company is obviously okay.

The Bible tells the story of how God walks alongside humanity, from our first steps out of Eden and into the wide world, through all our disasters and failures as well as our joys and achievements, all the way to our entry into the city where we can finally rest. Sometimes we are following, and sometimes going off ahead on our own initiative, but we can be sure that God is there. God the Holy Trinity is ahead of us, alongside us, and within us on the way. ☺

“In the midst of winter, I found there was, within me, an invincible summer.

Albert Camus (1913-1960), French philosopher and author

Bible Readings

First Reading

Proverbs 8. 1-4, 22-31

The Gifts of Wisdom
Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?
On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
'To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.

Wisdom's Part in Creation

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—
when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.
When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.

Blessed Thought

May the God of peace, ...that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will.

Hebrews 13. 30-31

Gospel Reading

John 16. 12-15

'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Second Reading

Romans 5. 1-5

Results of Justification
Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

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)

Collect for Today

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
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)

National Open Garden Scheme Lympsham

Saturday 15 June & Sunday 16 June 2019

2.00 – 5.00 p.m.

A great way to spend a summer afternoon visiting three of Lympsham's foremost gardens at the Manor, Church Farm next to the Church and Worthy House, opposite the cricket pitch. This year, the garden at Worthy House is open for the first time.

The event is principally to raise funds for the National Garden Scheme, a charity which supports causes such as Macmillan Cancer UK and other cancer and nursing charities but proceeds from the tea and cake stall and plant stall go to the church.



If you can help over this weekend, please call Lisa on 07815 417063.

LYMPSHAM FETE AND CLASSIC CARS

MANOR GARDEN, LYMPSHAM



2 - 4.30pm SATURDAY 29TH JUNE

RAFFLE * TOMBOLA * TEAS * BASKETS
HOOPLA * TOYS * BBQ * CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES
PLANTS * LOCAL BEER & CIDER * BRIC A BRAC
STRAWBERRIES * COCONUT SHY * CAKES

ADMISSION: ADULTS £1 UNDER 12'S FREE

New Event for East Brent

St Mary's in Bloom

2.00-4.30pm Sat 6th July.

St. Mary's Church, East Brent, will be open from 2.00pm - 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



Informal Worship

**5pm every Sunday
Methodist Church
35A College St,
Burnham-on-Sea TA8 1AS
All Welcome**



Facebook

In addition to the TPOTS Facebook page for announcements and notices, there is now a Facebook "TPOTS Group". Please click the button on the group page to share interactive discussion and fellowship.

A great way to keep in touch if you can't be in church every week.

**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.