

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 Strowlands and Strowlands Lane, East Brent.
- Residents and Staff at Holywell Nursing Home, Brent Knoll.

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
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	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
7th July 08.00 St Christopher's Holy Communion 10.00 St Christopher's Parish Eucharist 18.00 Quiz	8th	9th 10.30 Toddlers Brent Knoll Methodist Church	10th 08.45 Coffee Time St Mary's	11th 19.30 All Sorts Choir St Mary's	12th	13th

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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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.

Is it all worth it?

Heather Smith *reflects on* Luke 8:26-39

If you have ever embarked on a small alteration to the house, you will know that the work can quickly spiral. Perhaps you just want to move a few electrical sockets. But you don't want the wiring to be visible, so you end up with patches of plaster on the wall. Now you have to do some painting – but you can't match the existing colour, so you have to paint the whole room and you end up wishing you'd just left the sockets where they were.

Things were pretty bad for the Gerasene demoniac. Even though Jesus had tried to heal him he screamed to be left alone. His problems (or demons) were legion and no matter how bad things are, sometimes it seems safer not to make any changes.

The demoniac's problems were making things difficult for others, too. He had to be kept under guard and shackled, but sometimes he even managed to escape his chains. In the end the solution was to send the demons into a herd of pigs, where they made things so difficult that the pigs ran off a cliff and drowned.



This in turn made things difficult for the swineherds, who were both unhappy and extremely frightened.

So was it all worth it? Everyone had quite an experience and some valuable pigs had been lost. But a suffering and excluded man was returned, healthy, to his community. 😊

God, your healing in our lives is worth any amount of trouble and upheaval, even when it seems too disruptive and easier to leave things as they are. Teach us to accept and embrace your healing. Amen.

The chaplain's blog

The Tian Tian Big Buddha

by Marcus Bull

Last summer, the holiday of a lifetime enabled me to visit the Tian Tian Big Buddha, on Lantau Island, Hong Kong. It is the largest seated outdoor statue of the Buddha. It is reached via a

hair-raising 3.5-mile cable car ride, followed by a climb of 268 steps. At 112 feet tall and 250 metric tons of bronze, it is simply breathtaking.

By the way, most Buddhists do not believe in God. They certainly do not worship the Buddha. But they do follow his teachings and his example to help them become the best person they can be.

As a teacher of RE, I am fascinated by the artefacts and worship of religions other than Christianity. Understanding and respecting the huge variety of ways that people, ancient and modern, express their worship is the first step, surely, to loving our neighbour. 😊

Summer

by Ricarda Witcombe

In summer the pace changes and many of the things that shape our lives come to a pause. Bible study groups, lunch clubs, home groups and other events take a break for the summer months. Leaders and hosts need a chance to be refreshed before it all begins again in the autumn. For some, the change in pace is a

relief and gives much needed time and space. For others, the summer stretches out empty and it can be a challenging and lonely time. As you look around at your church or community, are there people you might phone or visit? Or perhaps you could meet at a local cafe one afternoon. If you are feeling a bit at a loss, the chances are that others are as well. Summer gives opportunity for church to be family – and to see what simple things we can do that may make all the difference to our lives. 😊

“What you are is God's gift to you, what you become is your gift to God.”

Hans Urs von Balthasar (1905-1988), Swiss theologian and priest

Bible Readings

First Reading

1 Kings 19. 1-4, 8-15a

Elijah Flees from Jezebel

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, 'So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.' Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.' He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

Elijah Meets God at Horeb

He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.'

Gospel Reading

Luke 8. 26-39

Jesus Heals the Gerasene Demoniac

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me'— for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Second Reading

Galatians 3. 23-end

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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)



Date for your Diary

All Sorts Choir Singalong Concert

St Mary's East Brent
18th July 7.30pm



Collect for Today

O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
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)

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



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.



Highbridge Area Foodbank

As summer holidays approach and children, who would normally receive free school meals, have to be fed at home; sometimes the money doesn't stretch that far.

Can you help?? We are currently short of..

Tinned Potatoes	Tinned Tomatoes
Tinned Carrots	Tinned Peas
Tinned Sweetcorn	Tinned Fish
Rice Pudding	Custard
Biscuits	Instant Mash
Jam	Juice

Donations can be dropped off in any of our three churches in TPOTS. Thank you for your support.

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

