

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 Bridgwater Road and Jarvis Lane, East Brent.
- Our local public transport.

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
11th August 08.00 St Michael's Holy Communion 10.00 St Mary's Parish Eucharist (Plans displayed after worship)	12th	13th	14th St Mary's Coffee time will be back on 4th September	15th 14.00 Comfort Group	16th 10.00 Prayer Group	17th
18th August 08.00 St Christopher's Holy Communion 10.00 St Michael's Parish Eucharist (Plans displayed after worship)	19th	20th	21st	22nd 14.30 Bereaved Friends Group	23rd 12.00 East Brent Harvest Home	24th 15.00 St My's Wedding Blessing
25th August 08.00 St Mary's Holy Communion 10.00 St Christopher's Parish Eucharist (Plans displayed after worship) 18.30 St Michael's Evening Prayer	26th	27th	28th	29th	30th	31st

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.

Second in our series of special issues written by women about women

Have faith in faith



Heather Smith *reflects on* Hebrews 11:1-3. 8-16

“I have no faith” is a statement you often hear. As a statement, it isn't true. Everyone has faith, or it would be impossible to live. You could make no plans for tomorrow if you had no faith that the sun would rise and another day would begin. You couldn't sustain relationships if you had no faith that another person loved and cared for you. We all choose to use our faith in different ways. Perhaps it leads us to choose a particular path because we believe it will be good for us. Perhaps we choose to live faithfully to our values.

“Faith,” says the writer of the letter to the Hebrews, “is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen”. Our lives are

shot through with faith, because so much is not seen. And yet we doubt our faith.

Striving for faith is pointless, but we try to make it happen, anxiously trying to make ourselves believe. The Old Testament patriarchs listed in Hebrews are examples of faith, but we cannot be them. They lived out their own faith – our responsibility is to live out our own. As we try to live faithfully we will naturally grow closer to the mystery that is God – the source of our faith. And growing closer will change the way we act, until we find ourselves, perhaps, taking an unexpected step that we never could have imagined. Faith has crept up on us. 🙏

Women in Christianity

by Georgina Byrne

Writing to his wife in the early third century, the Christian writer Tertullian gives us a glimpse of how women engaged with the life of faith. Pagan husbands, he said, would not put up with the sort of wives who visited the poorest in hovels or crept into prisons to wash the feet of saints in chains.

Women, not having real political power or religious authority until

relatively recently, have been able to operate unseen on the edges of society for centuries. Much of this ministry has been offered at a local level, and has been largely undocumented and unnoticed, but women have nursed those who were sick and laid out those who were dying, run soup kitchens, visited prisons and worried about families.

By the nineteenth century, women like Octavia Hill, Josephine Butler and Mary Sumner were giving voice to concerns about welfare, housing and health. These concerns had existed for centuries, of course, but finally people were starting to sit up and listen. 🙏

Faithful God, show us how to live with faith, however small or large, until our lives are transformed by the unseen and our faith guides us gently into your ways. Amen.

Octavia Hill

Octavia Hill, social reformer, is commemorated on Tuesday. Jeni Parsons looks at her life and legacy.

If you live in social housing or are a member of the National Trust, if you are a city dweller who values your local park or access to the countryside, then Octavia Hill is a name you should rejoice in. Her family were wealthy. She

in London. She persuaded backers to buy up the housing, repair the properties and rent them to the existing tenants, so their communities wouldn't be disrupted. She had women working as rent collectors who got to know the tenant families, so that they became social workers for those who struggled with debt and with providing for large families. Hill believed that people needed to work, to have decent housing and places to get fresh air nearby. Both tough and

“ I feel like a little tug in a great storm. But I'm

Bible Readings

First Reading

Isaiah 1. 1, 10-20

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt-offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Gospel Reading

Luke 12. 32-40

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Watchful Slaves

'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

Second Reading

Hebrews 11. 1-3, 8-16

The Meaning of Faith

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

The Faith of Abraham

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised.

Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.



Pop-up Church
Celtic Evening Prayer
Provisional date Sunday
1st September. Venue &
Time to follow

Collect for Today

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection,
both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
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)

Teas in St Michael's Church SUNDAYS THROUGHOUT AUGUST

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED BETWEEN

2.00PM AND 4.30PM IN

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

VESTRY

PROCEEDS TO FRIENDS
OF ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH



COM-FOR-TEA

Comfort Group

At times we all need a bit of

Compassion,

and a place to be as Open with others as we feel able.

To Meet to share worries, fears, joys

and triumphs. To build Friendships and beat loneliness.

An Opportunity to be ourselves

With Refreshments

and a cup of Tea in a safe, homely space,
where confidentiality and privacy will be respected.

Open to Everyone:

male or female, old or young, whether you go to church or
not, whether you have a faith or have none.

We meet at 2pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month,
starting from 19th September.



For further information, or to request a lift, contact:

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St Michael's, Brent Knoll.



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Monday 19 August

10am to 4pm
Burnham on Sea, by Tesco,
Ben Travers Way. TA8 1EZ

Tuesday 20 & Wednesday 21

August - 10am to 5pm
Weston-super-Mare,
Princes Royal Square,
near Bistrot Pierre. BS23 1AT



Highbridge Area Foodbank

We are currently short of..

Tinned Fruit
Small bags of Sugar
Tinned Rice Pudding
Small jars of Coffee
Tinned Fish
Custard

Can you help??

Donations can be dropped off in any of our three churches in TPOTS.

Thank you for your continued support.



Informal Worship

5pm every Sunday

Methodist Church, 35A College St,
Burnham-on-Sea TA8 1AS

All Welcome

**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.