

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 Oldmead Lane, Monks Close, The Chantry and Chapel Road, Rooksbridge.
- Those preparing for Baptism.

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 Barbara, Iona, Caroline, Mervyn, Luke, Ben, David, Carole, Kathryn, Peter and Marcus.

Diary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1st September 08.00 St Christopher's Holy Communion 10.00 St Christopher's All Age Communion 18.00 Celtic Evening Prayer Ralph's Wood Weather permitting	2nd	3rd	4th 08.45-10.00 Coffee Time St Mary's 19.00 PCC Standing Committee Church Office	5th 09.15 St Mary's Parish Prayer 19.45 (change of time just this week) All Sorts Choir St Mary's	6th	7th 10.30 Coffee Morning 167 Brent Street, Brent Knoll 12.00 Lympsham Harvest Home
8th September 08.00 St Michael's Holy Communion 10.00 St Mary's Parish Eucharist 19.00 Quiz at Brent Knoll Inn	9th	10th 10.30 Toddlers Brent Knoll Methodist Church	11th 08.45-10.00 Coffee Time St Mary's 19.00 PCC Meeting BK Methodist Church	12th 09.15 St Mary's Parish Prayer 14.00 Comfort Group 19.30 All Sorts Choir St Mary's	13th	14th 1.00 Wedding, St Mary's 19.00 St Michael's Friends Event - A Night at the Movies
15th September 08.00 St Christopher's Holy Communion 10.00 St Michael's Holy Communion	16th 16.00 Café Style Church St Mary's 16.00-17.30 Alzheimer's and Dementia Carers Group	17th 10.30 Toddlers Brent Knoll Methodist Church	18th 08.45-10.00 Coffee Time St Mary's 19.00 PCC Meeting BK Methodist Church	19th 09.15 St Mary's Parish Prayer 14.00 Comfort Group 19.30 All Sorts Choir St Mary's	20th 10.00 Prayer Group 2 The Worthings, Lympsham	21st

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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Please Note that Friday is the "Vicar's Day of Rest". Thank you for your understanding.				
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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 guiding faith

Caroline Hodgson *reflects on* Luke 14:1. 7-14

The actor Martin Sheen is not reticent in speaking about his guiding faith, and he admits that the balance between stardom and humility has not always been easy. He tells a story from the time when he was filming *Gandhi* in India in 1981. After he made a donation to Mother Teresa's charitable work, the director Richard Attenborough invited Sheen and some of the other cast members to travel from Mumbai to Calcutta to meet Mother Teresa. Sheen was greatly excited at the prospect and, when he got back to his hotel, he told his son, the actor Emilio Estevez. In response, Emilio simply asked his father: "But why do you want to meet her?" Sheen replied: "This is Mother Teresa, a

living saint, there's only one in the world, we have a great opportunity here..." Emilio simply repeated his question: "But why do you want to meet her?" Becoming indignant, Sheen spluttered: "So I can tell everybody..."

Suddenly realising what he'd said, he stopped in his tracks, and later cancelled the visit to spend more time with his son.

Martin Sheen did meet Mother Teresa ten years later. It would of course have been an honour for anyone to have met her. But thanks to his son, Sheen realised that there are simpler honours that matter more, such as spending time with one's family. It's not known whether Mother Teresa ever heard this story, but doubtless she would have approved. ☺

Lord God, teach us to be humble, seating ourselves low down the table and exalting and honouring all your children. Amen.

Walking with Poppy

Pastoral care

by Gillian Cooper

Poppy's cuteness often attracts attention when we are out on our walks. Today it is an elderly couple who spot her. Their dog died a short while ago, and they are missing him. Poppy is not usually keen on petting, but she lets herself be stroked, and when

the man picks her up she licks him on the nose. "Thank you so much," they say, as they walk away smiling.

Unlike us, Poppy is not hampered by the need to say something. She does not try to fix things. She responds instinctively to sadness just by being. We joke about Poppy doing her pastoral care, but I could learn from her how better to care for people in need. Poppy's attention to people is like God's – instant, unconditional and uncomplicated, completely free of judgement and freely given. Though, being a dog, she expects a treat afterwards, of course. ☺

Martin Sheen with Emilio Estevez



Trees of the Bible

The cedar

by Caroline Fletcher

The cedar trees of Lebanon are mentioned more than seventy times in the Old Testament. Cedars are huge coniferous trees with massive girths. They can reach up to 121 feet in height and have horizontal branches with huge sweeping spreads. They are also extremely long-lasting, some living a thousand years or more.

Cedars were prized for their beautiful wood, which is strong,

aromatic and resistant to rot. Large amounts of it were imported from Lebanon to build King Solomon's Temple; Solomon being able to afford the very best materials.

Their size, strength and beauty are reasons why cedars are used to describe how the righteous flourish (for example, in Psalm 92). However, the proud cedar also has a negative image, representing haughty leaders who do not acknowledge God (Ezekiel 31:1-12). Such pride is always overcome: Psalm 29:5 tells us that, "The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon." ☺

“ God will meet you where you are in order to take you where He wants you to go.

Tony Evans, pastor, speaker and author

Bible Readings

First Reading

Jeremiah 2. 4-13

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me

that they went far from me,
and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?

They did not say, 'Where is the Lord
who brought us up from the land of Egypt,
who led us in the wilderness,
in a land of deserts and pits,
in a land of drought and deep darkness,
in a land that no one passes through,
where no one lives?'

I brought you into a plentiful land
to eat its fruits and its good things.

But when you entered you defiled my land,
and made my heritage an abomination.

The priests did not say, 'Where is the Lord?'

Those who handle the law did not know me;
the rulers transgressed against me;
the prophets prophesied by Baal,
and went after things that do not profit.

Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord,
and I accuse your children's children.

Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look,
send to Kedar and examine with care;
see if there has ever been such a thing.

Has a nation changed its gods,
even though they are no gods?

But my people have changed their glory
for something that does not profit.

Be appalled, O heavens, at this,
be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord,
for my people have committed two evils:
they have forsaken me,
the fountain of living water,
and dug out cisterns for themselves,
cracked cisterns
that can hold no water.

Gospel Reading

Luke 14. 1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

Second Reading

Hebrews 13. 1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.
What can anyone do to me?'

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Coming soon.....

Café Style Church

35 mins of informal, interactive praise and worship

**At 4pm on 16th Sep in St Mary's,
East Brent.**

Refreshments from 3.30pm.



St Michael's Roof Appeal

Thank you very much for your generous support of this project. We are extremely grateful for all donations received so far to help save the special ceiling in St Michael's Church.

If you would like more information or would like to donate further, please contact the Church Office or look on the parish website for photos and an application form.

Collect for Today

O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
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)



Pop-up Church Celtic Evening Prayer (about 30 minutes)

Sunday 1st September at 6pm
in Ralph's Wood - weather permitting.
*Please use word of mouth, social media
and the telephone to confirm it is going
ahead and to share.*

*There will be posts on Facebook (TPOTS)
and Twitter (@TPOTS6) and a message on
The Rectory phonenumber (760844) .*

*Please invite friends and neighbours.
Please share lifts and bring chairs or picnic
blankets if you wish.*

COFFEE MORNING

167 Brent Street

Brent Knoll

Saturday 7th September

10.30 am to 12 noon

Bring and Buy table

Proceeds to St.Michael's Church

Roof Appeal



The All-Sorts Community Choir

Will be meeting up again after the
summer break

- On **Thursday 12th September**
- From **7.30pm – 9.30pm**
- At **St Mary's Church, East Brent.**

Everyone is welcome!
£3 per session

We are "all sorts" of ages, abilities and
backgrounds, but what we all have in
common is a love of singing.

We are a friendly, relaxed choir, who are
always looking to welcome new people.

Please come along on 12th September or
ring Sue Toon (01278 760753) for more
details.

We look forward to seeing you.



Please note.
For this week only, 12th Sep. Choir will meet at 7.45pm. Thereafter we will meet at the normal time of 7.30pm.

Churches Together

A Festival of FLOWERS AND QUILTS



12th -14th September 2019

Thursday 12th, Friday 13th 10.00 a.m. - 5.0 p.m.
Saturday 14th: 10.00 a.m. 4.30 p.m.

Free admission.

Refreshments. Good car parking.

OUR LADY AND THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

**HIGHBRIDGE ROAD,
BURNHAM - ON - SEA, TA8 1LL**

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:

Dot tel. **01278 760600** or

Anthony tel. **07701 081077** or

Email **lpacare.tpots@gmail.co.uk**

Supported by The Parish of Three Saints (TPOTS).
St Mary's, East Brent; St Christopher's, Lymsham;
St Michael's, Brent Knoll.



Gluten-free wafers are available for communion. Please speak to a Steward or Churchwarden before the service.

**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.