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 Lake House Lane, East Brent.
- Couples who married in our parish in the last year.

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.

<u>Diary</u>								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
8th September 08.00 St Michael's Holy Communion 10.00 St Mary's Parish Eucharist 19.00 Quiz at Brent Knoll Inn	<u>9th</u>	10th 10.30 Toddlers Brent Knoll Methodist Church	11th 08.45-10.00 Coffee Time St Mary's	12th 09.15 St Mary's Parish Prayer 19.45 (change of time just this week) All Sorts Choir St Mary's	<u>13th</u>	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 16.00 St Mary's Café Style Church	16th 09.00-10.30 Emmaus Brentcombe House, East Brent 16.00-17.30 Alzheimer's and Dementia Carers Group, Brentcombe House, East Brent	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		
22nd September 08.00 St Mary's Holy Communion 10.00 St Christopher's Holy Communion 18.30 St Michael's Evening Prayer	<u>23rd</u>	24th 10.30 Toddlers Brent Knoll Methodist Church	25th 08.45-10.00 Coffee Time St Mary's	26th 09.15 St Mary's Parish Prayer 14.30 Bereaved Friends Group 19.30 All Sorts Choir St Mary's	<u>27th</u>	<u>28th</u>		

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.



8 September 2019 Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Connecting faith and daily life

First in a series of four special issues written by men about men and masculinity



Andrew Lyon *reflects on* Luke 14:25-33

eing a leader is highly prized. Leaders are in charge, at the head of the pack. They make decisions and set the agenda. A good leader has vision and the ability to communicate it, inspiring others to follow where he or she leads. Whether in business or daily life, many of us aspire to be leaders. Psychologically that's not surprising; such people get paid more, have higher social status and garner respect from their peers.

The need to lead is almost primal in many men; society has taught us that we are supposed to be alpha males, to earn the most money, throw ourselves into punishing careers and control the environment around us.

But Jesus calls us to follow. He asks us to give up everything we have – including our families – and follow him. It's a hard calling for anyone, but perhaps particularly difficult for men. To submit willingly to another man, to call him Lord, to give up everything and follow him runs counter to everything we have been taught.

Jesus talks today about the cost of following him. It's not only that it may separate us from the people we love, but the cost will also be psychological. What happens to my masculine identity when I submit to Jesus as Lord, who requires total commitment and obedience? What will my mates say? Maybe that's where true strength of character comes in.

Heavenly Father, this is a difficult prayer to pray. But help me to lay down my own priorities and also my pride, and follow where

Jesus leads me, obey where he instructs me, and trust when he

Charles Fuge Lowder

Priest Charles Fuge Lowder is commemorated tomorrow. Richard Greatrex looks at his life and legacy.

Born in Bath in 1820, ordained priest in 1844, Charles Lowder was deeply influenced by the Tractarian movement during his time at Exeter College, Oxford. He worked initially as a curate for Anglo-Catholic parishes in Pimlico and the East End where he experienced first-hand the violence of both public and legal reactions to "High Church" ceremonial practices.

Lowder's strength was as a "slum priest", living among local people, slowly gaining their respect and confidence. For him, mission wasn't a short-term programme but a lifetime of growing in faith together. His single-room mission in Wapping grew into a temporary iron church, until in 1866 he oversaw the building of St Peter's, London Docks. Remaining in post throughout the East End cholera outbreak, Father Lowder, as he came to be known, won the love of his parishioners, who turned out in force to mourn with great sadness when he died in 1880, worn out by his work.

Men and masculinity in the Bible

calls me. Through Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Cain and Abel, ana Lamecn

by Trevor Dennis

Let's be honest. The Bible's almost entirely written by men; it sees things through men's eyes, and women play the bit parts, and not enough of them, either. Worse, the God of the Bible seems to prefer to engage with men, and it says little about women's spirituality. That said, it hardly lets men off the hook. Its stories have barely begun, when in Genesis 4 wider audience.

a man kills his brother out of jealousy (Cain and Abel), and then another man, Lamech, boasts to his wives of his violence. Genesis 1 ends with, "God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good." But then Genesis 6:12 says: "God saw that the earth was corrupt". Why such devastation? Because of the violence of men. The Bible is full of tales of the violence of men. A sobering thought. Thank God it's not the end of the story! ଙ

Trevor Dennis is an Anglican priest, author, teacher and scripture scholar, who is passionate about opening the world of biblical scholarship to a



Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power.

Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865), sixteenth President of the **United States of America**





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Bible Readings

First Reading

Jeremiah 18, 1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: 'Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.' So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Blessed Thought

"There can no serious hurt happen to me, For even though I slip from God's right hand, I can but fall into His left"

(Heinrich Suso Waldeck, poet and priest)

Gospel Reading

Luke 14. 25-33

Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

Second Reading

Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

to Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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

Almighty and everlasting God,

you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve:

Pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,

forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things

which we are not worthy to ask

but through the merits and mediation

of 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)

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

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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.



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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.

Building work at St Christopher's

Scaffolding will be going up around the church from 16th September 2019 to carry out essential repairs to the nave roof.

The work will then take 4-6 weeks, depending on what they find underneath.

While all safety considerations have been made, please exercise due care around the churchyard.

Inside there will be dust sheets over the pews on the south side of the nave and organ. Please keep away from this area.

Services will continue as normal and access to the church will be unaffected.



COM-FOR-TEA



At times we all need a bit of

Compassion,

and a place to be as **O**pen with others as we feel able.

To $oldsymbol{\mathsf{M}}$ eet to share worries, fears, joys

and triumphs. To build **F**riendships and beat loneliness.

An **O**pportunity to be ourselves

With **R**efreshments

and a cup of **T**ea 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

foodbank

Supported by The Parish of Three Saints (TPOTS).
St Mary's Fast Brent: St Christopher's Lympsham



Next Sunday

Café Style Church

35 mins of informal, interactive praise and worship

At 4pm on Sunday 15th Sep in St Mary's, East Brent.

Refreshments from 3.30pm.



Everyone Welcome!



We are currently very short of the following Tins of Meat Toilet Rolls

Dog Food Nappies (size 4) Toiletries

Donations can be dropped on a Tuesday or Saturday morning at the Methodist Church, College Street, Burnham On Sea TA8 1AS

or in the foodbank collection box in any of our three churches in TPOTS.

Thank you for your continued support.

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.