

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 South Brent Close and Crooked Lane, Brent Knoll.
- Those over 65 in our parish and the clubs that care for them.

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
13th October 08.00 St Michael's Holy Communion 10.00 St Mary's Holy Communion	14th 09.00-10.30 Church Explorers Group Brentcombe House, East Brent	15th 10.30 Toddlers Brent Knoll Methodist Church	16th 08.45-10.00 Coffee Time St Mary's	17th 09.15 St Michael's Parish Prayer 14.00 Comfort Group 19.30 All Sorts Choir St Mary's	18th 10.00 Prayer Group 2 The Worthings	19th
20th October 08.00 St Christopher's Harvest Thanksgiving and Holy Communion 10.00 St Michael's Harvest Thanksgiving and Holy Communion	21st 16.00-17.30 Alzheimer's and Dementia Carers Group Brentcombe House, East Brent	22nd 09.00 St Mary's EB School Harvest Service 10.30 Toddlers Brent Knoll Methodist Church	23rd 08.45-10.00 Coffee Time St Mary's 14.00 Emmaus Church Office	24th 09.30 St Michael's BK School Harvest Service 14.30 Bereaved Friends Group 19.30 All Sorts Choir St Mary's	25th 09.00 St Mary's EB School Collective Worship	26th
27th October 08.00 St Mary's Holy Communion 10.00 St Christopher's Holy Communion 18.30 St Michael's Evening Prayer	28th 09.00-10.30 Church Explorers Group Brentcombe House, East Brent	29th	30th 08.45-10.00 Coffee Time St Mary's	31st 19.30 All Sorts Choir St Mary's	1st November	2nd

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.



Connecting faith and daily life



Everyday miracles

Gillian Cooper *reflects on* 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c and Luke 17:11-19

Your faith has made you well", says Jesus to the grateful leper. It is not the faith shown in saying thank you that has contributed to his healing. It is the asking: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" And then it is the willingness to follow instructions. When there is no instant miracle, how tempting to shrug the shoulders and give up. But the lepers do as they are told, and it is in the ordinary walk along the road to see the priests that their miracle happens.

One of our choices for the Old Testament reading today tells the story of Naaman the Syrian commander, another leper. A proud

and important man, he wants spectacular magic, not secondhand advice to take a bath in the river. He has to learn that God's healing miracles can sometimes look quite ordinary.

The miracle of healing comes to us in many human ways: through the skills of doctors and the research of scientists; through the support of those who love us; through time and patience; through taking our pills and following instructions. And yet, like Naaman and the leper healed by Jesus, we return time and again to give thanks to the God who is the ultimate source of all healing and wholeness. 🙏

Healing God, we praise you for the daily miracles that restore us to wholeness. Give us thankful hearts, and help us to look in faith for that day when all the world's hurts will be healed in your kingdom. Amen.

World Food Day

by Caroline Hodgson

Since its very early years of existence, the UN has made tackling hunger and malnutrition a key priority. World Food Day is observed on October 16th and is when people celebrate the founding of the UN Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO) and take action to try and get rid of hunger during their lifetimes. It is also a day for people to reflect on that fact that food is a basic human right.

Each year on World Food Day awareness events are held and information campaigns are launched worldwide to address the "intolerable" wrong of hunger. Last year the UN reported that more than 815 million people do not have enough to eat. Some 155 million children under the age of five – twenty-three per cent – may endure the effects of chronic malnourishment for their lifetimes.

For all the stark statistics, the message is one of hope – that a #zerohunger world by 2030 is possible, provided we join forces. For more go to: www.fao.org/world-food-day

Faith and disability

Difference and disability
by Heather Smith

Until recently we had set up our world, without a thought, to cater for a certain range of abilities to the exclusion of others – those we call disabled. Jesus knew that disabled people suffered from being excluded. His healing miracles not only restored health, but restored those who were healed to full participation in their communities. The ten lepers

in Luke 17:11-19 were forced to live apart from society, but once their healing was confirmed by the priests they were restored to life among their family and friends.

We have learned a lot about inclusiveness in recent times, and legislation now requires us to consider the needs of disabled people, although ability and disability come in many different forms. There are obvious changes that church communities can make – a ramp as an alternative to steps, for example, so that a wheelchair user doesn't have to ask for help, and accessible toilet facilities. Most of all, though, we can give a warm welcome to everyone. 🙏

“Bless me, O Lord, and let my food strengthen me to serve thee.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748), minister, educationalist and hymn writer

Bible Readings

First Reading

Jeremiah 29. 1, 4-7

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon:

Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Healing Prayer

*Spirit of the living God, present with us now,
Enter you, body, mind and spirit, and heal you of all that harms you.
In Jesus' name. Amen.
(found at Iona Abbey)*

Gospel Reading

Luke 17. 11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!'

When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan.

Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

Second Reading

2 Timothy 2. 8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he will also deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Prayer for the Nation

**God of Hope,
in these times of change and instability,
we earnestly ask you to
unite our nation
and guide our leaders with your wisdom.
Give us courage to overcome our fears
and help us build a future
in which we all prosper and share;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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)



T.P.O.T.S.



Harvest Festival Thanksgiving

With All-Age Communion

**Sunday 20th October
10am**

St Michael's Church

Please bring gifts for the local Foodbank:-
any in-date, non perishable foods and toiletries.
Please see Facebook or Foodbank Appeal posters
for the latest requirements.

All welcome.



Top Ten items needed by our Foodbank

- Tinned meat or fish
- Pasta sauces
- Teabags/coffee
- Tinned vegetables
- Instant mash
- Tinned rice pudding
- Tinned fruit
- Long life milk/juice
- Biscuits/snack bars
- Tinned sponge pudding

Plastic bags are also needed please!
Thank you very much.

HARVEST APPEAL



HELP SUPPORT YOUR FOODBANK WITH FOOD AND FUNDS THIS HARVEST

DONATE FOOD

Help by donating an item or two from our shopping list to ensure we can provide food to help people in crisis.



DONATE MONEY

Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.



SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS

Tin Meat or Fish
Pasta Sauces
Tea Bags/Instant Coffee
Tinned vegetables
Instant Mash
Soups
Tin Rice pudding or fruit
Long life Milk or Juice
Jam, Biscuits or snack bars
Tin Sponge pudding

*Don't forget...
You can help transform
more lives with a financial
donation too.*



Highbridge Area Foodbank
highbridgearea.foodbank.org.uk
Registered Charity in England & Wales (1147076)

Parish Prayer

**9.15 -9.45 am
Thursday 17th October
St Michael's**

30 minutes of quietly being in
God's presence, listening to him
and bringing before him the
needs of our parish, nation
and world.

Everyone is very welcome

"Be joyful in hope, patient in
affliction, faithful in prayer"

(Romans 12.12)



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.

Our next meeting is at 2pm on 17th October.

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

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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.



for those working with children and young people

Inspire Evening

All things New

brand new ways of resourcing your youth and
children's ministry

Thursday 17 Oct 2019

7pm—9pm

St Peter's Church, Draycott, BS27 3SD

New Go Team resources for youth & children's groups

Launch of FUSE youth group initiative

'Market Place' with best new resources available

Advent and Christmas craft ideas to try

Inspiring TED talks from range of speakers

Plus meet the Go Team and connect with other youth
& children's leaders

Refreshments available.
All Welcome!
FREE!

Contact sarah.lockie@bathwells.anglican.org
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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 godness 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.