

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 Rectory Way, Lympsham and Laurel Avenue, Brent Knoll.
- The Farming Community Network (introduced to us last week by David Wilford)
- Sanders Garden Centre

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

Diary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27th October 08.00 St Mary's Holy Communion 10.00 St Christopher's Holy Communion 18.30 St Michael's Evening Prayer	28th 16.00-17.30 Alzheimer's and Dementia Carers 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
3rd November 08.00 St Michael's Holy Communion 10.00 St Michael's All Saints All-Age Communion 19.00	4th	5th 10.30 Toddlers Brent Knoll Methodist Church	6th 08.45-10.00 Coffee Time St Mary's 14.00 Emmaus Church Office	7th 09.15 St Christopher's Parish Prayer 19.30 All Sorts Choir St Mary's	8th	9th
10th November 10.45 East Brent War Memorial Remembrance Day Service 10.45 St Christopher's Church Remembrance Day Service 10.45 St Michael's Church Remembrance Day Service	11th 16.30 and 18.30 St Mary's Working Party Meeting	12th 10.30 Toddlers "Children in Need" Brent Knoll Methodist Church	13th 08.45-10.00 Coffee Time St Mary's	14th 09.15 St Christopher's Parish Prayer 19.00 PCC Meeting BK Methodist Church 19.30 All Sorts Choir St Mary's	15th 10.00 Prayer Meeting 2 The Worthings, Lympsham	16th 19.00 Medieval Feast and Music St Michael's

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

Holier than thou



Gillian Cooper *reflects on* Luke 18:9-14

There's nothing wrong with being good. There's nothing wrong with doing one's best – being kind, giving to charity, being faithful to God. The Pharisee in Jesus' story is no doubt a good man. He is a member of a group known for its obedience to God's Law. He is generous in his giving. He is serious about his religious observance. He comes to the Temple regularly and he gives thanks to God. There is nothing wrong with any of that. Even his opening words can be read positively; he attributes his virtue to God, rather than claiming it for himself.

Nevertheless, there is something wrong, and it is the besetting sin of religious people down the ages. There is an air of smugness, of a superiority that judges others and finds them wanting. He is pleased with himself. He knows he is better than his neighbour, and he assumes that God agrees with him.

Before God, there is no place for either smugness or grovelling. Prayer is a place of complete honesty, where we admit to ourselves, and to God, who we really are, with our strengths and weaknesses. Only

Give us, O Lord, a humble heart. Help us to know our weaknesses as well as our strengths, that we may come before you as our true selves, and receive from you the gift of your salvation. Amen.

then can we accept from God the salvation that is freely offered to all who know their need of it. 😊

Faith and disability

Learning difficulties by Heather Smith

People with learning disabilities have gifts and ministries that the church family needs to encourage, for the benefit of everybody in the community. Many will love to take part in the offertory, for example, or may really enjoy singing. A long hymn could be too challenging, but a short song with lots of repetition is ideal. Some people

with learning difficulties use the sign language Makaton, so using it during a service is a great way to include everybody.

When it comes to scripture, we could all probably benefit from going at a slower pace, repeating verses and reflecting more deeply. So if there's someone in your congregation who needs to take more time with their reading, it can be a gift for everybody.

With passion, patience and prayer, all church communities can learn how to enable everyone to become fully integrated members of the church family in a way that is inclusive of all ministries. 😊

“Were there no God, we would be in this glorious world with grateful hearts, and no one to thank.

Christina Rossetti (1830-1894), English poet

“Better city, better life”

The United Nations World Cities Day is marked on Thursday. Caroline Hodgson reflects on it.

The United Nations has designated 31 October World Cities Day, to promote the international community's interest in global urbanisation, promote cooperation among countries in meeting opportunities, addressing the challenges of urbanisation and contributing to

sustainable urban development around the world. In 2018 the main event was held in Liverpool.

Cities are our economic powerhouses. They are where the decisions that govern all our lives are made. They are also where our social problems are often at their most apparent. Whether you're a city dweller or live in the most remote, rural area, the health of our cities and the well-being of people who live and work in them affects you in one way or another. So on Thursday, why not spend some time in prayer and reflection about cities and city life?

You can find more at: <https://unhabitat.org> 😊

Bible Readings

First Reading

Isaiah 45. 22-25

Turn to me and be saved,
all the ends of the earth!
For I am God, and there is no other.
By myself I have sworn,
from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness
a word that shall not return:
'To me every knee shall bow,
every tongue shall swear.'
Only in the Lord, it shall be said of me,
are righteousness and strength;
all who were incensed against him
shall come to him and be ashamed.
In the Lord all the offspring of Israel
shall triumph and glory.

Second Reading

Romans 15. 1-6

We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Each of us must please our neighbour for the good purpose of building up the neighbour. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, 'The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.'
For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed Thought

"Silence is probably the best way of having
a profound experience of God.

It is His first language"

(from Thomas Keating - Trappist monk)

Gospel Reading

Luke 4. 16-24

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth.

They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum."' And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town.'



**Christmas Card Crafts
& Chatter with Lunch.**

**Saturday 30th November
10.30 to 2.30**

**Come & join us in St. Mary's to make
Christmas cards together.**
Materials supplied but you're welcome to bring
anything along you'd like to use up!

**Morning coffee, cake, mince pies & a
delicious soup lunch provided.**
£10 per person
Grab a bargain on the Christmas bring & buy table

To book your place please call into the Church office, call
Maxine 760190 or Dot 760600 or Chris 760034 or email
maxbash@btinternet.com



Proceeds to St. Mary's East Brent, Parish of Three Saints



Collect for Today

O God, for as much as without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
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)



Medieval Feast and Music

We are holding a
*Medieval Feast in St. Michael's Church,
Brent Knoll*

on Saturday November 16th at 7pm
with music played by *Caliban's Dream.*

Why not get a table of friends together? Numbers are limited so please book early. There will be no ticket charge in the hope that, if you enjoy your evening, you will give generously to the **Save Our Special Ceiling Appeal** which is now urgent with the theft of lead from the roof.

We will be selling our special St Michael's Angel Ale and there will be a cash bar. Families are welcome.

Please email rosemary.keele@btinternet.com or phone 01278 769010 for further information.

Sunday 3rd November 10am St Michael's Church, Brent Knoll

All Saints All-Age Communion
with guest speaker Cheryl Govier from the
Diocesan Go Team.

Cheryl is an enthusiastic, inspirational speaker,
passionate about work with children and
young people.
She will tell us about the work that is happening
across the diocese.

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.

Churches Together

Burnham and Highbridge District

**We are hosting this month's
Churches Together Prayer Meeting**

On Monday 18th November 7.30pm

At St Christopher's Church

So it would be lovely if we could have as many people
there as possible.

Everyone is Welcome.