

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH WHITNASH NOTICES AND PRAYERS



Sundays 12th April to 19th April 2020

Our mission at St. Margaret's is: "To receive God's love in Christ and to share it with all."

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW STYLE PRAYER AND NEWSLETTER

Our prayers can be a comfort, a spiritual weapon, a necessity, especially during these extraordinary and unfamiliar times. This new-style prayer and newsletter aims to help us, as a church, to pray about the needs of our Church, our community, our country and our world. I pray that you may find these daily readings and prayer suggestions helpful.

If you have a prayer request that you are happy to have published, a prayer of thanks, a prayer of encouragement or a helpful Bible verse, please email it to anne_horsley@btopenworld.com, or ring 832907. Many Blessings.

Sunday 12th April 2020 – Happy Easter! He is Risen!

Readings: Psalm 118; John 20: 1-18

Pray: Collect for Easter Sunday

**God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ Amen**

Monday 13th April 2020

Reading: John 20: 19-30

Pray: Fix your eyes on the Risen Lord; all things are possible with Him. Give thanks.

Tuesday 14th April

Reading: John 21: 1-14

Pray: "In the name of Jesus Christ I bless (say the names of your neighbours), that You, Lord, may comfort them and give them strength in this difficult time. Amen"

Wednesday 15th April

Reading: John 21: 15-25

Pray: You are my rock in times of trouble;
You pick me up when I fall down;
All through the storm, Your love is the anchor;
My Hope is in You alone.
Thank you, Lord Amen

Thursday 16th April

Reading: Romans 8: 38-39

Pray: Give thanks for the good things in your life – the people, your home, your work, your food, your fellowship, your health.

Friday 17th April

Reading: Romans 12: 9-21

Pray: Blessings and strength upon our nation – upon those who are working hard to heal and administer help and advice. Name those you know.

Saturday 18th April

Readings: Numbers 6: 24-26

Pray: Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise;
When the darkness closes in, lord, still I will say:
"Blessed be the name of the Lord; blessed be his glorious name." Amen

Sunday 19th April

Readings: Acts 2:14a, 22 – 32.; Matthew 28: 16-20

Pray: Collect for Second Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father Amen

Monday 20th April

Readings: Luke 15: 1-7

Pray: For those who are lost. Pray that they might cry out for the Lord to find them.

Tuesday 21st April

Readings: Isaiah 40: 28- 31

Pray: Bring all your worries and burdens to God. Leave them with Him to deal with.

Wednesday 22nd April

Readings: 3 John

Pray: As you walk pray by name for those who live in the homes you pass.

Thursday 23rd April

Readings: Ephesians 3:14-20

Pray: Leap and spin, you powers of heaven.

Burst into explosive songs of joy,

All you companies of angels.

Let the throne of God be surrounded

With the praises of all that has life

Friday 24th April

Readings: Isaiah 58: 11-12

Pray: Guide me, Lord to know how to restore this place and these people after the injury and sadness and pain. Amen

Saturday 25th April

Readings: Hebrews 3:1-6

Pray: Dear Lord

Keep comfort near

And discouragement afar.

Keep peace within

And turmoil out Amen

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

Beverley Rye, Tony Malin, Sophina Huggan, Alan Sperring, Ben Stafford, Roy Evans, Julie Winup, Derek Lee, the Nahar family (Miryam, Nathanael, John, Anna, Ruth, Uziel Peter & Chaya), Avril Barker, Mandy Warren, Christopher Brown, Bet Vicary, Doreen Jenkinson, Simon Yarwood, Jeanette Oubridge, Suzanne Wilkinson-McKay, David Clough, Steven Bouette, Alison Williams, Chris Lea, Cassandra Edmonds

(Please be aware that we put people's names on the prayer list for a month, after which we keep the name on the list if requested to do so).

For the bereaved family & friends of: Carol Goldstraw, Eileen Moore (John's wife) Bill Cooper, Jackie White (Shirley's sister), Robert Partridge, Monica Ibbett, John Cameron, Mabel Godwin, Joyce Higgins, Jackie White, Gareth Bufton and Brenda Moore.

Mission Prayer for April:AFRICAN PASTORS FELLOWSHIP:

This month we concentrate our mission support prayers on APF:

The main points for prayer are:

- **For pastors in Africa to be able to lead and minister to their congregations "remotely" in an effective and supportive way while staying safe themselves.**
- **For congregations to be held together by grace and love at this time when they have to worship, pray and fellowship differently.**
- **For the current situation to make people more aware of their need to be dependent upon God and to call on the Lord to help in their hour of need. And to then continue to follow Jesus' way thereafter.**
- **For many in Africa, if you cannot work, you have no income or food on the table. Most countries do not have a Government to help financially as ours is able to do here. There is no "safety net" in the same way. Please pray that people will manage and share what they have in a spirit of cooperation and mutual support.**
- **Please pray that the educational work and theological training being done through E Vitabu will be able to continue well. (Do see APF website for more details).**
- **Please pray for the home staff: Dave Steadman (CEO) , Geoff Holder (UK Co-Ordinator), Michelle Anderson (Office and Finance) and Jonathan haddock (IT and E-Vitabu specialist.) Ask the Lord to bless them as they work remotely and differently at this time.**

For more information about what is current and happening with APF please visit these web pages:

Here is a link on Face Book -

<https://www.facebook.com/africanpastors/videos/548872222417938/>

APF has opened a special emergency fund for people to give into for those in special need and hardship at this time. Here is the link to the CAF donate page - <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/12522>

Many thanks and blessings. Richard Suffern (Chair of APF)

Sunday Roast Takeaway from Andy at our local golf club:

The Easter Sunday offering is Honey Roasted Gammon with fresh veg followed by Sticky Toffee Pudding and Custard, deadline for orders is midday Friday but we did close early last week because of demand so please, get your orders in early not to be disappointed.

Email Andy at kingsroadcatering@aol.co.uk or clubmanager@leamingtongolf.co.uk or you can ring Andy on 07817 333552. The cost of a main course is £7.50 with puddings at £3.00 BACS payment to Nat West Sort: 56-00-45 Acct: 30671388 Ref: Yourname.

This week Andy is also trialling a Thursday Lunch service, main course Cottage Pie with Fresh Veg followed by Cherry Bakewell Tart with Custard ordering, prices and payment as above. Orders need to be placed by midday Tuesday.

(Note from Anne: Andy's food is a real treat! Why not give it a try?)