

Prayer Diary March 2024

The Tyndale Benefice of Wotton-under-Edge
with Ozleworth, North Nibley and Alderley
(including Tresham)

*Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker:
for he is our God
and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.*

Psalms 95 v 6 & 7

This month please pray for the Quakers who gather each Sunday at the Chipping Club Room

1 Friday

World Day of Prayer Service at the United Church at 11am followed by Lent Lunch at noon. This year the theme is "I Beg You ... Bear With One Another in Love" with material prepared by Christian Women in Palestine, remember them in your prayers.

2 Saturday

Remember in your prayers Isabella who will be baptised at St. Martin's tomorrow and also Jess and Elijah who are being baptised at St. Mary's on Sunday.

3 Sunday

*Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Pray for those leading worship in our benefice today.

4 Monday

Continue to hold Sue P M and all her family in your prayers.

5 Tuesday

Remember in your prayers all who live in Lisle Place and also those in Merlin Haven.

6 Wednesday

Lent talk this evening at the Baptist Church; tea & coffee at 6.30pm talk at 7pm led by Barrie Voice, Diocesan Youth Co-ordinator along with KLB students. Pray for young people, remembering especially the children & teenagers from Bristol who have died at the hands of others.

7 Thursday

Remember in your prayers Kathryn and Samuel who are being married at St Martin's tomorrow.

8 Friday

Lent Lunch at St. Mary's today in support of Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF); this Christian Charity flies light aircraft to isolated communities so that they are able to have the essentials of life. Pray for all involved in this work.

9 Saturday

Pray for peace in a country where people are suffering from the effects of a civil war or from being under attack by another country.

10 Mothering Sunday

*God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Give thanks for our clergy and all who have nurtured us on our faith journey, especially this Lent.

11 Monday

North Nibley PCC is meeting this evening, remember the PCC members in your prayers.

12 Tuesday

Give thanks for the Ark & continue to pray that new volunteers come forward to help.

13 Wednesday

Lent Lecture this evening at the Baptist Church with Gill Martin from HMP Eastwood Park; pray for prisoners and their families.

14 Thursday

Wotton PCC meeting this evening. Please pray for all members of the PCC and the conversations they are having

15 Friday

Lent Lunch in St Mary's at noon for Read with Me. This scheme supports children needing help with reading. Give thanks for the church members who are volunteers with this project.

16 Saturday

Pray for those who are preparing for tomorrow's Celebrate Service

17 Sunday

*Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace*

*through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Pray for those from our congregations who are unable to attend a service today.

18 Monday

Pray for children and adults who live in Pitman Place and Bearlands.

19 Tuesday

Blue Coat School's Easter Service will be held in St. Mary's tomorrow; pray that all our local primary school pupils will enjoy the Easter services this week and at the same time further their understanding of the meaning of Easter.

20 Wednesday

This evening's Lent Lecture at the Baptist Church is Refugees' Tales; remember in your prayers those who have fled their homeland.

21 Thursday

This afternoon the British School is holding its Easter Service to which they are inviting their senior friends. North Nibley School has an Easter Service tomorrow afternoon

22 Friday

Today's Lent Lunch in St. Mary's is in aid of Tearfund, pray for the work of this Christian charity working in more than 50 of the world's poorest countries.

23 Saturday

Monday 25th March is an international day for remembering the victims of the transatlantic slave trade; remember in your prayers those who in this day and age are victims of slavery.

24 Palm Sunday

*True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.*

Choral Evensong at St. Mary's at 6.00pm

HOLY WEEK

25 Monday

Morning Prayer at Perry and Dawes at 10am and a reflective service in St. Mary's at 7.30pm.

Ask for God's blessing on all seeking to follow Jesus and for those in our Benefice journeying through this Holy Week.

26 Tuesday

Compline at 7.30pm at St. Mary's; pray for anyone you know who is feeling anxious and troubled.

27 Wednesday

Compline at 7.30pm in St. Mary's. Give thanks for the written word or the spoken word which you have found informative and encouraging on your Lenten journey

28 Maundy Thursday

Lord, who taught us how to serve, by the washing of feet, by the breaking of bread help us to choose this way to worship you in the day to day serving of our lives.

6pm at St. Mary's - Commemoration of the Last Supper and stripping of the altar.

29 Good Friday

Give thanks for the opportunities to come together with other Christians to witness our faith - Walk of Witness in Wotton starting at 9.30am at Synwell Chapel.

11.15am Walk of Witness from Nibley Chapel to the Church with donkey and Cross followed by Hot Cross Buns at St Martin's.

At the Foot of the Cross - service in St. Mary's at 2pm until 3pm.

An hour before the Cross – St. Martin's at 2pm. Plus the Oriana Singers performing at St. Martin's at 7pm.

30 Holy Saturday

Easter Fires Service at 7.30pm at St. Mary's

Let there be redemption, let there be restoration and let there be resurrection

31 Easter Sunday

The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.

Sunrise Service on Nibley Knoll at 6.30am and on Coombe Hill at 7.00am, also Easter Communion Services at St. Martin's and St. Mary's at 9.30am plus at St. Kenelm's at 11.15am.

If you have any questions, comments or ideas regarding the Prayer Diary, please contact Ima Earle(844884), Pat Forster (842557) or Dot Moss (844886).