

Christ Church Chilwell: Prayer Diary

"Where two or three come together in my name, there I am with them" Matt 18²⁰



March 2020

This Prayer Diary is for use during corporate worship, small groups or for private prayer.

The texts are mainly taken from the sermon themes for all services.

w/c 1st ***"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"*** 2 Cor 5¹⁷ [NIV]

- The World Day of Prayer is on Friday 6th. A prayer written for that day; **The Knots Prayer**.
"Dear God; Please untie the knots that are in my mind, my heart and my life. Remove the have nots, the can nots and the do nots that I have in my mind. Erase the will nots, may nots, might nots that may find a home in my heart. Release me from the could nots, would nots and should nots that obstruct my life. And most of all, Dear God, I ask that you remove from my mind, my heart and my life all of the 'am nots' that I have allowed to hold me back, especially the thought that I am not good enough. Amen"

w/c 8th ***"...live in Christ Jesus, rooted and built up ... and overflowing with thankfulness."*** Col 2^{6,7} [NIV]

- We pray that we can use this time of Lent as a time of reflection and preparation; perhaps choosing to give something up or take something on to benefit us and those around us. Maybe act upon some of the suggestions given by organisations such as 40acts who give ideas to enable us to make a generous impact in our community during Lent. Perhaps make Lent 2020 the time to start something that promotes healthy, eco-friendly and sustainable living.

w/c 15th ***"The Son of Man came to seek and save what was lost."*** Luke 19¹⁰ [NIV]

- Our Day of Prayer is on Tuesday: pray at home or join together in the evening to worship and seek God.
- In March, we remember Age Concern. Thank God for the work of John Hudson and all our local residents who attend Age Concern, Chilwell. Give thanks for all the work to keep our elderly folk safe in their homes, and for the provision of advice on finances and keeping healthy in old age.

w/c 22nd ***"(Jesus') mother treasured all these things in her heart."*** Luke 2⁵¹ [NIV]

- Pray for Mothering Sunday and for our reflections and feelings on the role of our mothers in our lives.
- Thank God for the Pastoral Oversight Team and their vision to support and enable us to be a caring, loving church to those people who are ill, bereaved, lonely or in some other need.

w/c 29th ***"(Jesus) replied, 'You are right in saying that I am the Son of God!'"*** Luke 22^{70b} [NIV]

- Pray for our Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Monday night; that all positions will be willingly filled and there will be a sense of purpose as we go forward, working to achieve our Values and Vision.
- Pray for Mike Abel and Bob Epton as they conduct many Easter assemblies in our local schools.