



Connecting faith and daily life

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 The Worthings, Lympsham.
- Spiritual Growth and Nurture through our Emmaus courses.
- Kevin and Chris, as they make preparations to move into our parish.

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](mailto:Gwen.Hatton@tpots.org). The Friday Prayer Group will support you in prayer for as long as you need it 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 also contact us if you would like to remain on this list as we are currently looking to update it. Many thanks.

At present please continue to pray for Caroline, Mervyn, Luke, Iona, Ben, David, Carole, Kathryn, Peter and Marcus.

Diary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3rd March 10.00 St Christopher's Parish Eucharist 19.00 Quiz at Brent Knoll Inn	4th	5th 10.30 Toddlers Brent Knoll Methodist Church	6th 08.45 Coffee Time St Mary's 14.00 Emmaus Church Office	7th 19.30 All Sorts Choir St Mary's	8th	9th 09.30 St Mary's Handbell Ringers. Ivy Lodge, Brent Knoll
10th March 08.00 St Michael's Worship of the Word 10.00 St Mary's Parish Eucharist	11th 09.00-10.30 Emmaus Brentcombe House, East Brent	12th 10.30 Toddlers Brent Knoll Methodist Church	13th 08.45 Coffee Time St Mary's	14th 19.30 All Sorts Choir St Mary's	15th 10.00 Prayer Group 2 The Worthings, Lympsham	16th
17th March 08.00 St Christopher's Worship of the Word 10.00 St Michael's Parish Eucharist	18th 16.00-17.30 Alzheimer's and Dementia Carers' Group Brentcombe House, East Brent	19th 10.30 Toddlers Brent Knoll Methodist Church	20th 08.45 Coffee Time St Mary's 14.00 Emmaus Church Office	21st 14.00 Comfort Group 19.00 Welcome and Licensing service for Kevin Wright. St Christopher's 19.30 All Sorts Choir St Mary's	22nd	23rd

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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.

Dazzled



Caroline Hodgson *reflects on* Exodus 34:29-end, 2 Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2 and Luke 9:28-36 [37-43]

A day of dazzling images, with Christ transfigured at the heart of it. First, our reading from Exodus tells the story of Moses the lawgiver, returning from the mountain, initially unaware that his face is radiant from meeting God. The mere reflection in Moses' features instils dread in Aaron and the others. When Moses sees the effect it has on them he veils his face.

In his letter to the Corinthians Paul refers to this veil, likening the new covenant to removing it. Because God sent the Son, we are “transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another” – just that bit closer to glimpsing God.

Finally, in the Gospel, standing beside Peter we glimpse Christ transfigured. What a moment! Yet even here God reveals to us only what we can bear to see. Luke's account is veiled by the passage of time.

Have you ever been transported in prayer, or singing, or reading the word of God? Or perhaps you've been moved by a work of art or piece of music. Each of these moments is a brief glimpse of God. Like Peter in the Gospel reading, your instinct may have been to hold or try to recreate that moment, that experience, to pin it down in some way.

But such dazzling brightness can never be contained within canvas or walls.

As we approach Lent, what can we do to sharpen our vision of God, and reflect just a bit of Christ's dazzling brightness? ☺

Oh Lord, we are dazzled, breath taken by the reflected light of your glory. Help us, each day, to face you more fully, as we draw nearer to you with boldness and humility. Amen.

National Book Week

by Christine Clark

When I was twelve my class was set the task of writing about our favourite author. I set to and wrote about Noel Streatfeild and her books about the Bell family. I felt a particular affinity with these characters: they lived, as I did, in the vicarage, that goldfish bowl of parish life, with not much money to go round, though plenty of

love. My essay was not well received, however. Apparently, this was not the sort of author I was expected to write about: Dickens, Austen or Brontë would have been more suitable. Well, sorry, no one had specified this – and they weren't my favourites anyway.

It's lucky that this sort of short-sighted lack of understanding didn't put me off books and writing for good. I grew to love Austen (though not Dickens or Brontë), but I still reread Noel Streatfeild for her empathy with ordinary people and their everyday lives.

I think that that greatest teacher of all, Jesus, would have understood this. ☺

Letters from a medical student

by Tabitha Leask

Dear *Sunday Link*,
I've made a big decision. Having spent the last four years working for a Christian charity enabling mission workers to carry out their roles overseas, and enjoying (nearly) every minute of it, I feel

that I have finally figured out what God's next calling is for me in my life. It's been a long journey, but I strongly believe I'm being called to become a doctor.

So here I find myself, about to start year 1 of a graduate entry medicine course. It is going to be four years of hard but rewarding and interesting study. I am both excited and nervous, and it is a real test of my faith: I am relying on God to help me be the best doctor I can be and pray that I will have the motivation to learn, meet great people and have fun. ☺

“If God is your partner, make your plans BIG!”

Dwight L. Moody (1837-1899), evangelist and publisher

Bible Readings

Hebrew Scripture

Exodus 34.29 - end

The Shining Face of Moses

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai.

When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Count your blessings.

Put your faith into action this Lent through daily reflections and challenges.

If you wish, please take a **Christian Aid Lent booklet** from the back of church. They will also be available in St Mary's and St Michael's.



Gospel Reading

Luke 9. 28-36

The Transfiguration

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.

Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Christian Scripture

2 Corinthians 3.12 - 4.2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Treasure in Clay Jars

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Blessed Thought

"The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save.
He will take great delight in you,
He will quiet you with his love,
He will rejoice over you with singing" (Zeph. 3;17)

Psalm

Psalm 99

Praise to God for His Holiness
The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
The Lord is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.
Let them praise your great and awesome name.
Holy is he!
Mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.
Extol the Lord our God;
worship at his footstool.
Holy is he!
Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
Samuel also was among those who called on his name.
They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.
He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;
they kept his decrees,
and the statutes that he gave them.
O Lord our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them,
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.
Extol the Lord our God,
and worship at his holy mountain;
for the Lord our God is holy.

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)

A Welcome and Licensing Service for our new priest, Kevin Wright, will be held at 7pm on Thursday 21st March at St Christopher's, Lympsham.

This will be a very special occasion for Kevin and his wife, Chris, as we welcome them into our church family. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Manor Hall.

If you can help by providing sandwiches or cakes, please contact Gwen Hatton on 01934 750416

Please Note the change of venue.

Kevin's first service will be on Palm Sunday, 14th April, at 10.00 am at **St Michael's, Brent Knoll.**

St Mary's Handbell Ringers

will be meeting again
on **Saturday 9th March**
at 9.30am for 1 hour
at **Ivy Hall, Brent Knoll.**

Please do come along & try
ringing
- it is all done with numbers,
you do not need to read
music.



Frances James.

Thank you very much
to Pauline Chadwick for organising and playing the hymns
at the Songs of Praise service on 10th Feb.

The Songs of Praise service
seemed to go well the other Sunday.
I hope you all enjoyed it. There was certainly
some very good singing.
Nikki and I feel we will do another one in the future, so
with that in mind, if you didn't get your choice in this
time, please give it some thought and let me have it at
a service, or leave it on one of the organs.
I will keep a list, so that we will be prepared for next
time, whenever that might be .
Thank you for coming to the service.

Pauline Chadwick.

NEW CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL 2019

The Church of England requires all Parishes to renew their Church Electoral Roll (CER) every six years and we are currently in the process of doing this.

Those who register on the Church Electoral Roll do so to express their commitment to the Church. It provides an opportunity to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), be involved in Church decisions and to stand for election to the Parochial Church Council (PCC). We have circulated a reminder by email about applying to join the new CER and included the application form as an attachment.

The application forms will also be available at all three churches, or as a download from our website.

If you wish to be included in the new Roll would you, please, complete the application form and return it to the Church Office **by 2nd April 2019**. The new CER will be effective from our APCM, which will be held at **St Christopher's Church, Lympsham on 28th April 2019**.

If you have any queries or wish to request a form, please contact our Church Electoral Roll Officer, Margaret Smith on mjbsmith87@gmail.com or 01278 760691.

**Blessed are you, Lord God of all Creation; through your goodness 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 first 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.