

## Fortnightly Prayer Diary

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September - Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2025**

Our verses in this Prayer Diary are drawn from **Hebrews 13**, in which the writer encourages his readers to entertain strangers (*verse 2*), remember those in prison (*verse 3*), honour marriage (*verse 4*) and resist strange teachings (*verse 9*).

### **Monday, 29<sup>th</sup>**

*'Keep on loving each other as brothers.'* (**Heb. 13: 1**)

*"Loving and living Lord, we pray today that you will bind us ever closer together with cords that cannot be broken. Help us to act towards one another with love, grace and humility and may our love and concern for one another deepen as the years pass by."*

- Pray that all the Lord's people across our country might be inspired by and filled with the Spirit of the Lord.
- Please pray for our Little Fishes and their families/carers. Pray for those who have attended for many years and those who are new.
- Please pray for Mark as he attends the ReNew Conference. Pray for safe travel and for good nourishment and encouragement.
- Please pray for our Church Office at the start of another week - and pray for Ann-Marie and Anita, as they work there, often being the first people to answer enquiries from those outside of church.
- Please pray for Carisbrooke Avenue (Dawn O'Neill).

### **Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup>**

*'Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels unawares.'* (**Heb. 13: 2**)

*"May we never forget, O Lord, to entertain strangers. May it never be a burden or an imposition, but a delight and a joy. May we be ready not only to give to them but also to receive from them." P.T.O.*

- Please pray for all ministers, church workers and others at the ReNew Conference this week – pray that they would be refreshed and would encourage and support each other.
- Thank God for St. Mark's Church building and for Stewsdays as it's held there. Pray for the team and for the guests that we welcome in to enjoy fellowship and a lovely dinner. Please pray for good conversations to be had and God's love to be felt.
- Please pray for our Homegroups, meeting throughout this week.
- Pray for your neighbours and our town – for a Great Awakening. Pray that people would reflect deeply on the last few years and all that has happened and turn to God for answers.
- Please pray for Coppins Road (Mary Overton).

### **Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October**

'Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are ill-treated as if you yourselves were suffering.' (*Heb. 13: 3*)

"O Lord, help us to remember those in prison, particularly those who are suffering ill treatment. We pray, Lord, for Christians across the world imprisoned for their faith. We pray, Lord, for the triumph of your justice over evil, and that you will hasten the day when all prisoners will be treated justly."

- Please pray for chaplains and others ministering to those in prisons throughout the country.
- Please pray for our Wednesday Worshippers in St. Mark's today, as they host our Harvest Songs of Praise. Pray for a good number of visitors to be welcomed as well as regulars to be encouraged.
- Please pray for our Ignite youth group meeting tonight at St Paul's. Thank God that we can partner with other churches to run this.
- Mission Links: please pray for the OT Lunyole Translation Team in Uganda, giving thanks for the printing of Psalms, Proverbs and Deuteronomy in Lunyole. Please pray for good arrangements and God's provision for their forthcoming launch.
- Please pray for Dorking Crescent (Robert and Christine Pearce).

## Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup>

‘Marriage should be honoured by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.’ **(Heb. 13: 4)**

*“Today, O Lord our God, as we see the precious institution of marriage under attack in our country and in countries across the world, we pray that you may strengthen our resolve to honour marriage, in private and in public. And may we be bold in pointing out the consequences of a refusal to honour marriage.”*

➤ Let’s pray for married couples that we know.

- Please pray for Bethany Again and the helpers there, as we strive to show God’s compassion to those who have been bereaved.
- Please pray for the clergy from our local C of E Deanery as they meet together this morning. Pray that, as local churches, we would be able to share the aim of spreading the Gospel message.
- Persecuted Church: Pakistan – Pakistan’s notorious blasphemy laws are often used to target minority groups especially Christians. While the death sentence is rarely carried out, being accused of blasphemy makes people very vulnerable to attack. In 2024, an elderly man was killed by an angry mob after being falsely accused of desecrating the Quran. Please pray:- that God changes the hearts of decision-makers in Pakistan on blasphemy laws; that the Christians will live joyfully, knowing they are not second-class citizens in God’s eyes; for God’s protection on Pakistani Christian women who can be forced into Islamic marriage.
- Please pray for Martinsdale (Barry Peters).

## Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup>

‘Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”’ **(Heb. 13: 5)**

*“Help us, O Lord, to put our trust not in money or in our own abilities, but in you alone. May we draw great encouragement and great strength from your promise never to leave nor forsake us.”* **P.T.O.**

- Pray for Mark as he leads the Harvest Assembly at Burrsville Infant School this morning. Pray for good listening and good engagement.
- Pray for the young people who attend Ignite, and for their leaders, as they go to Birch Hall for an overnight stay. Pray for safety and for good fellowship, good learning and a growing love of the Lord.
- Thank God for the pastoral visiting and the informal care that goes on throughout our church family, showing God's love.
- Please pray for London Road (Michael Pretty).

### **Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup>**

'So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper: I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?"' (**Heb. 13: 6**)

*"O Lord, as we pass through these turbulent and tumultuous days for Gospel ministry in our land, so we pray that you will rush to help and to defend us. As we look up to you, O God, so may fear be driven out."*

➤ Pray for faithful churches that are struggling just now.

- Thank God for our church buildings. Please pray that we will be able to look after them and use them in God's service.
- Please pray for Tony Rawlinson and Kayleigh Bruce as they get married today in St. John's. Pray for Mark as he leads the service.
- Local churches: All Saints', Gt Holland – please pray as they host a "Thank You" Service, both for God's goodness at Harvest and for those outside of the congregation who do a lot to help them. Pray that they will be able to welcome the visitors and pass on the Good News, and that God will open ears and hearts to his Message.
- Please pray for Melbourne Road (Melanie Price).

### **Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> - MISSION SUNDAY**

'Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.' (**Heb. 13: 7**)

*"Today, O Lord, we thank you and praise you for godly leaders in the past, who have shown us the way of righteousness. We thank you for their wisdom, for their counsel, for their knowledge and for their understanding. Help us to seek to emulate their example."* **P.T.O.**

- We pray that all bishops in the Church of England might walk in the way of the Lord and that all who have erred and strayed may be brought back into God's path.
- Give thanks for all the workers in WEC. Pray especially for our guest speakers today, Colin and Miriam Poulton. Pray that we will be excited to see how God is at work through their ministry.
- Please pray that our Mission Sunday will help us to care for and learn from our mission links and to be encouraged by all God is doing across our country and across the world.
- Please pray for Tea Time Church, that God will use it to help us reach out to local families.
- Please pray for Meadowsweet Road (Steve and Kim Ratty).

### **Monday, 6<sup>th</sup>**

'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.'  
(**Heb. 13: 8**)

*"Praise you, Lord Jesus – Anointed One – that you are the same yesterday, today and forever."*

- Pray that God's people, in churches across the country, might be encouraged as they see the Lord at work in the hearts of many in their community.
- Give thanks for our Little Fishes. Pray for a safe morning for them in St John's this morning, with many good conversations going on with their parents and carers.
- Please pray for Hannah's week, as she continues to work with local schools. Pray for good relationships with the key members of staff.
- Pray for all those who are mourning the loss of a loved one at this time. Pray that we will be able to continue to minister to families after we have taken a funeral service for them.
- Please pray for Puffinsdale (Marion Reynolds).

### **Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup>**

'Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings. It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace, not by ceremonial foods, which are of no value to those who eat them.' (**Heb. 13: 9**)

**P.T.O.**

“Surrounded as we are, O Lord, in the Church and in society, by so many strange and false teachings, help us to see them clearly and strengthen our hearts by grace to resist them.”

- Pray that all God’s faithful people throughout the country might be led and guided by the Spirit in the way of holiness.
- Please pray for your family, your neighbours, your community - pray for vital and effective outreach into our parish.
- Thank God that nearly all of the funding for a new church hall is in place, something that is more than we might have hoped for or imagined. Pray that the necessary permissions to proceed with the project will quickly be granted and the final money comes in.
- Pray for Philip, our Area Dean, who helps to coordinate things between local C of E churches. Pray for godly wisdom in this task.
- Please pray for Caste Hill Park (Iris Riley and Jackie Brookes).

### **Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup>**

‘We have an altar from which those who minister at the tabernacle have no right to eat.’ (*Heb. 13: 10*)

*“Thank you, Lord Jesus, that we have an inward and spiritual altar – your victory upon the Cross at Calvary – at which we may eat and feast – which is denied to those who depend upon the external and the superficial. May we delight in encouraging all those we know to eat at your table.”*

- Pray that all who call themselves Christians might abide in Christ and that He might abide in them.
- Please pray for our Wednesday Worshippers, as they meet today. Pray for godly fellowship and that those who attend may continue to care for one another and offer each other support.
- Keep on praying for our young people at the Ignite youth group.
- Mission Links: Please pray for Catherine Porter on home leave in the UK from Japan. Pray for safety as she travels to visit family, friends and supporting churches. Pray for encouragements and energy as she gets used to life in the UK for the coming year.
- Please pray for Highview Close (Kim Ringe).

## Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup>

‘The high priest carries the blood of animals into the Most Holy Place as a sin offering, but the bodies are burned outside the camp.’ (**Heb. 13: 11**)

*“Help us, O Lord, as we read the truths contained in the Letter to the Hebrews, to understand the deep symbolism of all that the writer describes, and to be refreshed by them.”*

- Today we pray for the continuing and vital work of The Christian Institute. We pray that the Lord will give wisdom to those working to encourage the government to follow Christian principles in forthcoming legislation.
- Please pray for Together – for good numbers, a warm welcome and real encouragement from the Lord for all who attend.
- Pray as the food bags are packed and delivered from the church hall this morning. Pray that each one would show God’s love.
- Persecuted Church: Iran – In a population of 89.8 million there are about 800,000 Christians. The Iranian government views people becoming Christians as a “threat to national security” – a Western attempt to undermine Islam and the regime. Please pray:- that Iran’s new president would pursue religious freedom for all Iranians; for secret believers – that God would give them wisdom and courage as the church in Iran grows; for the mental and physical well-being of Christians in prison and their families.
- Please pray for Cypress Close (David Rippard).

## Friday, 10<sup>th</sup>

‘And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood.’ (**Heb. 13: 12**)

*“Today, our Lord Jesus, we praise and glorify you that you suffered outside the city gate to make us holy through your precious blood.”*

- Let us today remember in prayer the needs of all the poor and lonely in our land, as they struggle with rising costs.
- Pray that many in this parish might seek the Lord.
- Please pray for all that will go on in the Church Office today. **PTO**

- Chelmsford Diocese: pray for our Archdeacon, Ruth, in all her responsibilities. Pray that God gives her his wisdom and strength.
- Please pray for Coppins Road (Tom Rivers).

### **Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup>**

‘Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore.’ **(Heb. 13: 13)**

*“Lord Jesus, as we stand for you in these days, may we be willing again to go outside the camp and bear the disgrace you bore. And may very many be inspired to do the same.”*

- Pray for those suffering in the Church or in the community because they refuse to deny or to water down the Gospel.
- Please pray for all in our church family who are ill at this time.
- Please pray for all those in our parish who deal with Safeguarding. Pray that they have wisdom from God when it is needed most.
- Other local churches: St. Michael’s Kirby and All Saints’, Great Holland – please pray for continued opportunities for Evangelism and for growth in the knowledge of Jesus.
- Please pray for Dulwich Road (Helen Robertson).

### **Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup>**

‘For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come.’ **(Heb. 13: 14)**

*“Lord Jesus, as we fix our eyes upon you, so may we realise afresh that we do not here have an enduring city but that we are looking for a city that is to come.”*

- Pray that the love, joy and peace of the Lord might abound in churches across the country, especially today.
- Pray that the Lord might graciously give his people here at St. John’s and St. Mark’s a vision of the path to follow.
- Thank God for our church family, as we have the privilege of meeting together in the Lord’s name.
- Pray for all those taking part in our various services today.
- Please pray for St. Osyth Road (Louise and James Robinson).