

Fortnightly Prayer Diary

Monday 10th – Sunday 23rd November 2025

During this time of Remembrance we try to take all the opportunities we can to give thanks for the many sacrifices of the past, and also opportunities to point people to the Supreme Sacrifice. In our verses from **St. John, chapter 12**, our Lord talks about being lifted high and drawing all men to Himself.

Monday, 10th

‘Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Feast.’ **(John 12: 20)**

“We thank you and praise you, Lord Jesus, that the message of your teaching, preaching and healing powers brought people from near and far to Jerusalem, seeking to meet you. During this season of Remembrance, may we be ready to point people to you.”

- Please pray today for the Publications Ministry of the Church Society, and for Kirsten Birkett, the Publications Manager. Pray that Church Society books, articles and on-line resources may be edifying and useful to the wider church.
- Pray as Hannah takes the School Worship at Great Clacton today.
- Please pray for our Little Fishes and their families - pray for good listening from adults and children alike at the Bible time.
- Please pray for all those who attend Bethany and Bethany Again. Pray for the team at Bethany this afternoon – pray that they will have the right words at the right time.
- Please pray for Havenvale (Mary Bond).

Tuesday, 11th

‘They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. “Sir,” they said, “we would like to see Jesus”.’

(John 12: 21)

P.T.O.

“Thank you, Lord, that amongst all the crowds of people in Jerusalem at that time, the Greeks seeking you found faithful Philip. We pray that, in these days, you may guide those who are seeking you to those who can help.”

- Thank God for the work of The Royal British Legion and for the money it has raised this year to support ex-servicemen and women. Pray that it would be a real help to many.
- On this Remembrance Day, take a moment to thank God for the peace and freedoms we enjoy, including to worship openly.
- 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.
- Pray for our young people who are at school, college, university or starting work. Pray that they will be aware of God’s presence.
- Please pray for Upper Branston Road (Kathy Box).

Wednesday, 12th

‘Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.’ **(John 12: 22)**

“Praise you, Lord, that Philip told Andrew and that they both, in turn, told you. Whenever we meet people who are seeking you, may we delight to share the news with other believers and may we be quick to pray to you for wisdom and for guidance.”

- Pray that the light of the Lord may shine out through the lives of His people across our land and bring glory to His Name.
- Please pray for our Wednesday Worshippers today. Pray for good numbers, good learning, encouraging praise and loving fellowship.
- Please pray for the young people attending Ignite this evening.
- Mission Links: Please pray for Gift and Kathryn Asiku in Uganda. For Gift as he oversees the many translation projects including the Lunyole OT. Pray for wisdom and safety on the roads as he travels around visiting teams. Pray for Kathryn as she leads the literacy projects and trains others to lead working with the children.
- Please pray for St. John’s Road (Albertha Braithwaite).

Thursday, 13th

'Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified".' (John 12: 23)

"Praise you, Lord, that you recognised the arrival of the hour for your glorification and that you approached it with such courage and resolution. May we, and Christians across the world, continue to be inspired by this message from St. John's Gospel."

- Thank God for the progress being made in Gaza. Pray that the remaining hostages may be found and returned home. Pray that increasing quantities of aid may reach the needy.
- Pray that many people in Clacton will be inspired to seek the Lord.
- Pray for Together today. Pray that each person there would be encouraged by what they hear, and that visitors will be welcomed.
- Persecuted Church: Mali – Population 24 million with 542,000 Christians. The Islamic extremist insurgency that began to devastate the north of Mali in 2012 continues to have huge implications for Christians. Please pray:- that God would protect believers who are targeted by Islamic extremists; for Open Doors' partners in Mali, as they strengthen believers who have lost so much; for political stability and religious freedom for all Malians.
- Please pray for Weeley Road (Andy, Helen, Martha, Gwen, Connie and Rayner Brown).

Friday, 14th

"...I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds." (John 12: 24)

"Lord Jesus, today we pray that your glorious light may shine out – from our lives, from our families and from our churches. May your light in us drive back the darkness. May your light in us draw many into the light."

- Pray for real progress to be made in the efforts to bring about a just and lasting peace in Ukraine. Please pray for all those ministering to the wounded and to the bereaved. **P.T.O.**

- Please pray for all that will go on in the Church Office today. Thank God for everyone who works and volunteers there each week.
- Please pray for all who are not well at this time, including quite a few people in our church family.
- Pray that God would help us look after our buildings and that they will always be used to share the Good News and bring glory to Him.
- Please pray for Martinsdale (Joan Bruce).

Saturday, 15th

“...The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.”

(John 12: 25)

“Lord Jesus, today we thank and praise you for all the saints who have gone before with your light – showing us the path to life. May your light within us so shine that many may see our good works and glorify our Father, who is in heaven.”

➤ Thank God for the courageous and vital work of Gafcon, representing faithful Anglicans across the world. Pray for wisdom and care as they plan for the future.

- Thank God for our loving church family.
- Pray for the printing and sorting of our Christmas leaflets, as we plan to distribute them to as many houses in the parish as possible.
- Local churches: please pray that our partnership with St Paul’s, St Bart’s, Kirby and Great Holland will be strengthened by our joint meeting in a fortnight, as we hear together from John Dunnett.
- Please pray for Woodrows Lane (Veronica Hyde).

Sunday, 16th

“...Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am my servant also will be. My Father will honour the one who serves me.” **(John 12: 26)**

“Today, O Lord, we, your servants, come before you to worship you in spirit and in truth. Today, O Lord, we pray that you will lead us and guide us in the way of righteousness. May we, today, lift high the cross and may many lift up their eyes and believe.”

P.T.O.

- Pray for all the work of CEEC (Director: John Dunnett). Thank God for CEEC's determination to stand firm for truth, in all the discussions it is part of within the Church of England.
- Pray that God the Father may honour all who serve Him here at St. John's and St. Mark's.
- Please pray for our various services today. Pray that many will learn of God's goodness, want to praise him, be encouraged in their faith and strengthened to live for him day by day.
- Please pray for Lego Church this afternoon. Pray that the number who attend would continue to grow.
- Please pray for Nightingale Close (Eileen Capener).

Monday, 17th

"...Now my heart is troubled, and what can I say? 'Father save me from this hour?' No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour.'" **(John 12: 27)**

"Praise you, O Lord, for your determination to bring glory to the Father. Praise you for your commitment and for your courage. Praise you for your conviction that this was the hour to which your whole life had been pointing."

- Pray that people across the C of E may see the need for appropriate oversight for those who oppose the LLF reforms, from Bishops who will be able to support and encourage them.
- Give thanks for our Little Fishes. Pray for ever strengthening friendships with their parents, carers and families.
- Please pray for our homegroups at church, which meet throughout the week. Pray too for those who lead these groups.
- Pray for all those who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Pray that we, at church, would help bring God's comfort into many lives.
- Please pray for Jameson Road (Ann-Marie Chappell).

Tuesday, 18th

"...Father glorify your Name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again."
(John 12: 28)

P.T.O.

“Praise you, Father, for speaking to your Son from heaven and assuring Him that this was the hour in which your holy Name would be for ever glorified.”

- Thank God for the faithful and vital work of The Christian Institute. Pray for ultimate success in its continuing work in opposition to the Assisted Dying Bill.
- Pray that all God’s faithful people, here in Great Clacton, may delight to worship the Lord and bring glory to His Name.
- Pray for the friends and neighbours of Joyce Mears from Havenvale as they attend her funeral at Weeley Crem today. (MM & CS)
- Thank God for all that is happening towards the rebuilding of our church hall. Pray that things would fall into place so that we get the necessary permission to proceed with the project.
- Please pray for Peregrine Close (Derek and Jean Cheek).

Wednesday, 19th

‘The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.’ **(John 12: 29)**

“Praise you, Lord, that there were witnesses to the voice from heaven, some believing that they had heard thunder, others believing that they had heard an angel. Give to us all, we pray, a deep desire to hear your voice and give us the strength to obey your words.”

- Pray that the Lord might fill His people with His Spirit and inspire many to seek the Kingdom, across our country.
- Please pray for our Wednesday Worshipers, as they meet today. Pray for godly fellowship and continued support for one another.
- Pray that Ignite would be a great support for our young people.
- Mission Links: Pray for Catherine Porter on home leave from Japan. Pray for rest, relaxation and safety on the roads as she visits friends and supporting churches. Pray for God’s leading for the future.
- Please pray for Marine Parade East (Jan Chittock).

Thursday, 20th

‘Jesus said, “This voice was for your benefit, not mine”.’
(John 12: 30)

P.T.O.

“Praise you, Lord, that even at this glorious moment of encounter with the Father you explained the meaning of the voice to the crowd. May we never tire of opening and explaining the Word to all who seek to know the truth.”

- Please pray for the many poor and disadvantaged in our communities. Pray that we may all be diligent in seeking them out and making every effort to alleviate their sufferings.
- Please pray for the team who will sort, pack and deliver the food bags to those in need. Pray that each bag will show God’s love.
- Thank God for those coming to Bethany Again. Pray that those who gather today will feel God’s comfort and know His love.
- Persecuted Church: China - Population 1.4 billion with 96.7 million Christians!! In recent years, the Chinese government has tried aggressively to ensure all religious expression is in line with the official Chinese Communist Philosophy. Please pray:- that believers experience growth in their faith even as persecution rises; for protection for believers in areas where Islam or Buddhism are the primary faiths; that church leaders would feel Christ’s presence as they are pressurised and monitored.
- Please pray for North Road (David and Joy Clayton).

Friday, 21st

“...Now is the time for judgement on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out.” (John 12: 31)

“Praise you, Lord, for this declaration that the time for judgement had at last arrived and that the prince of this world would be driven out. Thank you for this declaration that a new age – the age of salvation – had begun.”

- Please pray for the work of The Alliance. Pray that the organisations and churches represented in The Alliance would work well together in proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ afresh in this generation to the people of England and play their part in re-vitalizing the Church of England.
- Pray that the light of Christ here might drive back all darkness within our community here in Great Clacton.

P.T.O.

- Thank God for all who work in our Church Office. Pray for them as enquiries come in and answers, letters and leaflets are sent out.
- Please continue to pray for the new Church Hall plans - that God's hand will be upon this project and all will be plain sailing!!
- Please pray for Highview Avenue (Daisy Cook).

Saturday, 22nd

“...But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.” **(John 12: 32)**

“Lord Jesus, following our country's time of remembrance for the sacrifice of many, may we each lift high the Cross, proclaiming in your death the Supreme Sacrifice.”

- Please pray today that many parishes and people across the country may be inspired to join Church Society and to help it work to hold the Church of England to its biblical foundations.
- Pray that all those in Great Clacton, who are the Lord's, may hear clearly the voice of the Lord and may delight to obey.
- Please pray for all in our church family who are ill at this time.
- Pray for our Area Dean, Phil Ritchie, as he works to keep all the local C of E churches working together on the right things.
- Please pray for Highlands Grove (Michael and Helen Cooper).

Sunday, 23rd

“...But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.” **(John 12: 32)**

“Lord Jesus, may we lift high the Cross, proclaiming to all that you are the Saviour of the World, you are the Anointed One, you are Lord of all. And we pray that many people will be drawn to you.”

- Please continue to pray for Bishop Rob in all that he does.
- Thank God for the unity we have as a church family. Pray that God would preserve this and prevent anything from threatening it.
- Pray that each of today's services would help those who attend.
- Please pray for those joining in with the online service today.
- Please pray for Hawthorn Road (Darren Cromwell).