St John's Church
Great Clacton

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St Mark's Church
Lymington Avenue

Fortnightly Prayer Diary

Monday 16th - Sunday 29th November 2026

As we look back over this time of Remembrance, so we pray that the Lord might continue to scatter His enemies and to cause His people to rejoice. Our verses are drawn from **Psalm 68**.

Monday, 16th

'May God arise, may his enemies be scattered;
may his foes flee before him.' ***(Psalm 68: 1)***

"O Lord our God, Lord of lords and King of kings, we pray that you will arise and scatter your enemies – whoever, whatever or wherever they may be. May they be scattered and may you reign supreme."

- Please do thank the Lord today for the good and encouraging news about the General Synod elections. Thank God for answering our prayers and enabling so many good and Gospel-centred laity and clergy to be elected.

- Please pray for our Little Fishes and their families. Please pray that as the Bible story is told today that God will give both the children and their carers ears that will listen.
- Please pray for our homegroups meeting throughout this week.
- ❖ Thank God that the Church Hall proposals are making progress through Planning Permission. Pray that it will be granted soon.
- Please pray for Walton Road (Joan Millie).

Tuesday, 17th

'As smoke is blown away by the wind, may you blow them away; as wax melts by the fire, may the wicked perish before God.' ***(Psalm 68: 2)***

"O Lord our God, we pray that your enemies may be blown away by the wind and melted like wax. Whoever, whatever or wherever they may be, we pray that they may disappear before you." ***P.T.O.***

- Thank God for the 'Quiet Revival' across our country. Please pray that it will continue, strengthen and grow.

- Give thanks for our church family and how we support each other.
- Pray for the family of Vicky Staples as they attend her funeral today at Weeley Crem. (MM) (Vicky used to bring her grandson to Little Fishes.) Please pray for God's comfort for the family.
- Please pray for Hannah as she works with local schools who are starting to plan Christmas services. Pray that God will use these so that the children and staff hear the Good News of Christmas.
- Please pray for Southcliff Park (Gerald Millman).

Wednesday, 18th

'But may the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
may they be happy and joyful.' ***(Psalm 68: 3)***

"O Lord our God, may we never fail to rejoice and be glad whenever we hear the songs of the righteous. May we stand with them and praise your holy Name for all that you are doing in our midst."

- Pray for a just and fair solution that will bring a lasting end to the war in Ukraine. Pray for a lasting peace settlement. Pray for all who are ministering to the bereaved and injured.

- Please pray for the safe journey of the Christmas Shoeboxes that were packed last week by Great Clacton Juniors. *They are being picked up today for onward transportation.*
- Please pray for our Wednesday Worshippers today. Pray for good numbers, good learning, encouraging praise and loving fellowship.
- Thank God for our PCC and its members. Please pray for them as they meet tonight – pray for unity and for wise decisions.
- Please pray for Meriden Court (Phyllis Mitchell).

Thursday, 19th

'Sing to God, sing praise to His Name,
extol him who rides on the clouds - His Name is the LORD -
and rejoice before him.' ***(Psalm 68: 4)*** ***P.T.O.***

"We thank you and praise you, O Lord, that the heavens are telling the glory of God. We pray that, even today, you will cause us to raise our eyes to the clouds and praise your holy and glorious Name."

- Thank God for the work of The Christian Institute. Thank God that the Institute is committed to looking to the Lord and his strength and to seeking his face always.

- Please pray as our Food Bag team is at work in the Church Hall this morning. Pray that each bag is received as a sign of God's love.
- Please pray for the Bethany Again team as they help those who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Pray also for all those in our community who mourn at this time.
- Persecuted Church: Egypt - in rural areas, Christian women are harassed on the streets and Christian children are often bullied. Please pray:- for brave believers who take on the risk of leaving Islam to follow Jesus; for God to sustain Christians who experience discrimination and abuse because of their faith; for Christians who have been attacked, or who have loved ones who have suffered attacks.
- Please pray for Carisbrooke Avenue (Jean Moore).

Friday, 20th

'A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows,
is God in his holy dwelling.' ***(Psalm 68: 5)***

"Praise you, Lord, that you have a heart for the fatherless and that you are a defender of widows. Praise you, that you have a heart for the weak and the vulnerable. May we learn from you."

- Pray that many more individuals and parishes might decide to join Church Society as members or Partner Churches, as we pass through these turbulent and testing days.

- Pray for anyone in our parish who is struggling with loneliness.
- Mission Links: Please pray for Gift and Kathryn in Uganda as they finish off some tasks before they come to the UK in December. They ask for energy and joy! Pray that Gift can get the visa he needs so that they can also visit colleagues in the Netherlands. ***PTO***

- Please pray for all that will go on in the Church Office today as the Newsletter is printed, and for all that happens through the week.
- Please pray for Hanwell Close (Mary Moss).

Saturday, 21st

'God sets the lonely in families,
he leads forth the prisoners with singing;
but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.' ***(Psalm 68: 6)***

"Today, O Lord, we thank you and praise you for all the families in our land which have opened their arms and their doors to adopt and foster children. We pray that you will lead, guide and strengthen them all and give them abundant joy."

- Please pray for the work of Affinity in connecting evangelical churches across denominations in the UK. Pray for discussions about a proposed Gospel Coalition UK. Pray for Lee Gatis (Church Society), who is a member of their Advisory Council.

❖ Thank God for bringing us this far in our Church Hall Project.

- Pray today as we hold a Holiday Club Reunion in St John's Church. Pray for the children that are attending - that they remember the things they were taught at Summer Holiday Club. Please pray for good listening and good learning.
- Local churches: Please pray for Sharon Guest our Area Dean, as she works to coordinate what we do as local C of E churches.
- Pray for Valley Road (Mark, Caroline, Joshua and Daniel Mulryne).

Sunday, 22nd

'When you went out before your people, O God,
when you marched through the waste land,
the earth shook, the heavens poured down rain,
before God, the One of Sinai,
before God, the God of Israel.' ***(Psalm 68: 7, 8)***

"On this day - we praise you and glorify your holy Name. We pray that you may march through this waste land. We pray that the heavens may pour down rain. We bow before your majesty and look to you to lead us and to guide us in the way which leads to everlasting joy." ***PTO***

- Pray for small or struggling congregations across the country, as they meet together for Sunday Services today.

- Give thanks for the freedom we enjoy to meet for worship today.
- 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 as we have our final Bible passage focusing on a *'Picture of the Church'*. Pray that we would want to grow, as a church, in number and in faith, as God brings the growth.
- Please pray for Brentwood Court (Sheila and Mike Neale).

Monday, 23rd

'You gave abundant showers, O God;
you refreshed your weary inheritance.' ***(Psalm 68: 9)***

"Thank you, Lord, for sending the rain, both physical and spiritual, to refresh the weary land. Thank you for the rain which is refreshing the parched fields this Autumn. And we pray today that you send many showers of blessing from heaven to refresh the hearts and souls and spirits of all the faithful who are weary and need encouragement."

- Please pray for people in Christian leadership across our land who are weary and in need of God's encouragement.

- Give thanks for each of our precious Little Fishes. Pray that each one will come to understand God's great love for them.
- ❖ Pray for our architects who are working on the Tender Package for the Church Hall, which will be sent to prospective building firms.
- Pray for all those attending Bethany today and for all those we know who are mourning the loss of a loved one.
- Please pray for Cross Road (Gary and Anita Newbery).

Tuesday, 24th

'Your people settled in it, and from your bounty, O God,
you provided for the poor.' ***(Psalm 68: 10)***

"Praise you, Lord, that by your mighty power you enabled your beloved people to settle in the land. And praise you that, from your bountiful store of grace, you provided for the poor."

P.T.O.

- Just as the Lord has a heart and a passion for the poor, please pray that Christians across our country may too have such a heart. Pray that, as individuals and as churches, they might respond generously to the cries of the poor in our midst.

- Please pray that many in this parish might seek the Lord.
- Please pray for the Stewsdays team as they prepare everything and get St Mark's ready to welcome guests. Pray that all would enjoy the meal, the conversations and the friendly atmosphere.
- ❖ Please pray that just the right building firm will be found to work on our new Church Hall. Pray that they will do a wonderful job.
- Please pray for Carisbrooke Avenue (Dawn O'Neill).

Wednesday, 25th

'The Lord announced the word,
and great was the company of those who proclaimed it:'
(Psalm 68: 11)

"Thank you, Lord, that you have announced the word and that you have embodied the Word in your Son. As we pass through these last days, so we pray that you will raise up many across our land to proclaim the Word and call many souls to repent and be saved."

- Please pray for all preachers and evangelists who are preparing sermons, talks and Gospel messages just now.

- Please pray for Wednesday Worshippers, meeting this morning. Pray for godly fellowship and faithful learning from the Lord.
- Pray for the Craft Group meeting today in St Mark's. Pray for good fellowship and good fun as they use the skills God has given them.
- Pray for the Ignite Youth Group this evening – for good numbers.
- Please pray for Coppins Road (Mary Overton).

Thursday, 26th

"Kings and armies flee in haste;
in the camps men divide the plunder." ***(Psalm 68: 12)***

"Today we pray, O Lord, that kings and armies may continue to flee before you, whenever your Word is proclaimed." ***P.T.O.***

- Pray today for our Parliament - that every member of the Houses of Commons and Lords may act for the good of all.

- Please pray for our Together Service today. Pray that some new people will find their way to Together and it will be a great help.
- Persecuted Church: Egypt - Eyewitness, Mariam, says: "My heart was torn apart" after Muslim extremists killed her husband, simply for being kind to his Christian brothers and sisters. Mariam was left with four young daughters. "Why did God do this? Why has he forsaken us?" she asked. Open Doors were able to listen, acknowledge her pain and give livelihood support, thus helping the family see God in a whole new way. Please continue to lift Open Doors up in prayer, so that the work they do may continue.
- Pray for the Thurs Evening Group as they continue the 321 Course.
- Please pray for Dorking Crescent (Robert and Christine Pearce).

Friday, 27th

"Even while you sleep among the camp fires,
the wings of my dove are sheathed with silver,
its feathers with shining gold." ***(Psalm 68: 13)***

"Praise you, Lord, that even while we sleep you watch over us. Keep us safe, we pray, through the silent hours of the night and may we face each new day with thanksgiving."

- Pray for those who are struggling with ministry – because of time restrictions, opposition or lack of resources. Pray that God may be for them Jehovah Jireh – the Lord who provides.

- Pray for those delivering the church Christmas Cards around our parish. Pray that they will be well received and will be read.
- Pray for safety today as the Christmas tree is erected and as we prepare St John's for the Christmas Coffee Morning tomorrow.
- Mission Links: Please pray for the work of Betel over the winter season. Typically, there are fewer garden jobs, and the numbers of men and women are low. Pray for more people to hear about Betel, seek help and find freedom from addiction through Jesus.
- Please pray for Martinsdale (Barry Peters).

Saturday, 28th

'When the Almighty scattered the kings in the land,
it was like snow fallen on Zalmon.' ***(Psalm 68: 14)***

"We thank you and praise you, O Lord, for the way in which you scattered the kings in past days. And now we pray that you will scatter all the kings who oppose you in our day – and may we rejoice to see you act in power."

- Continue to pray for John Dunnett and the work of the CEEC.

- Christmas Coffee Morning: please pray for a good crowd to come through the doors of St John's, be warmly welcomed and to enjoy being in the building and with members of our church family.
- Please pray for all in our church family who are ill at this time.
- Please pray for our partnership with St Paul's, St Bart's, Kirby and Gt Holland, especially as we plan for another summer weekend.
- Please pray for London Road (Michael Pretty).

Sunday, 29th

'The mountains of Bashan are majestic mountains;
rugged are the mountains of Bashan.
Why gaze in envy, O rugged mountains,
at the mountain where God chooses to reign,
where the LORD himself will dwell forever?' ***(Psalm 68: 15-16)***

"We thank you and praise you, Lord God, for the way in which you have gone before us in times past and have brought us through many troubles. May we, as a nation, remain grateful to you, our God, for blessing us in many ways and for the peace that we enjoy."

- Thank God for all the work of Bishop Rob and his team. Pray that Rob would be faithful and godly in all his responsibilities.

- Pray for our neighbours and our town – for a Great Awakening. Pray that many may hear the Good News this Christmas.
- Thank God for each of our church services today. Pray that they will help us to learn together and encourage one another.
- Please pray for the Lego Church Christmas Special this afternoon.
- Please pray Melbourne Road (Melanie Price).