

Fortnightly Prayer Diary

Monday 13th - Sunday 26th April 2026

In this Easter season, all our verses are drawn from the glorious opening verses of **I John**. We spend the first 4 days in verse 1.

Monday, 13th

‘That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched – this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.’ (*I John 1: 1*)

“In this Easter season, Lord Jesus, we praise you that you were from the beginning and that you will be unto the end. We praise you and glorify you that you made the universe, that you are the radiance of the Father’s glory and the exact representation of his being. Help us to proclaim these foundational truths to all we meet.”

- Please pray for all churches in the Anglican Communion that face persecution in countries which are hostile to the Gospel.
- Please pray for our Little Fishes and their families as Little Fishes meets today following our Easter break. Pray for good numbers and for good friendships to be made with all who attend.
- Please pray for Robert Arr and family and friends as they attend Margaret’s funeral today. Pray for strength and courage for the coming days as Robert continues to mourn the loss of his mum.
- Please also pray for Bethany today and those who will attend it.
- Please pray for Lee Abbey (Danielle Fenton-Jones).

Tuesday, 14th

‘That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched – this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.’ (*I John 1: 1*)

P.T.O.

“In this Easter season, Lord Jesus, we praise you that you came among us and were seen by the eyes of men and women. Praise you that you did not remain far off but that you came close. Help us to proclaim this truth in these days.”

- In this Easter season, we pray for all who are working to bring peace – peace to the Middle East, peace to Ukraine, peace to Sudan. We pray that the Prince of Peace may be their guide.
- Thank the Lord for the lovely Easter services that we had – that we enjoyed and found helpful. Thank Him for the many new guests that we welcomed into both churches.
- Pray for all our recent visitors to church – that many will return.
- Pray for Hannah as she reconnects with our local schools after the Easter break. Pray that our close relationship will continue.
- Please pray for Meadow Close (Len and Marion Freeman).

Wednesday, 15th

‘That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched – this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.’ **(1 John 1: 1)**

“Praise you, Lord Jesus, that so many people, of all sorts and backgrounds, looked at you whilst you lived among us. Help us to proclaim this truth to our friends and our families in these days.”

- Today please pray for all who have positions of leadership in churches up and down our country.
- Please pray for our Wednesday Worshippers in St. Mark’s today. Pray for good numbers, good learning, encouraging praise and loving fellowship. Pray that newcomers will be welcomed.
- Please pray today as Caroline Becket visits us to carry out an Area Dean’s Inspection. Please pray that we will have all the correct paperwork to hand and everything will go smoothly.
- Pray for the Ignite youth group, meeting back at St Paul’s tonight. Thank God for the young people from each of our churches.
- Please pray for Canterbury Road (Mark and Sue Galliers).

Thursday, 16th

‘That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched – this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.’ *(1 John 1: 1)*

“Praise you, Lord Jesus, that the hands of so many people touched you. Praise you, especially, for the hands which touched you after the Resurrection, thus confirming that you had, indeed, risen bodily from the dead. Help us to proclaim this truth.”

- Pray that many evangelicals across the Church of England may feel called to engage in C of E synods and committees, for the sake of the Gospel. Please pray for all those on General Synod. Pray that many good and godly people may be elected to Deanery Synods at this year’s APCMs.
- Please pray that the new faces we welcomed into our churches over Easter will find themselves being drawn back to us.
- Please pray for Bethany Again as this group becomes ever more popular. Please pray for the team as they help those who are mourning the loss of a loved one.
- Persecuted Church: Please pray for Open Doors as they strengthen the church in Central Asia by providing relief aid, Bibles, ministry training, prayer support, vocational training and microloans, as well as projects such as rehab centres.
- Please pray for Canterbury Road (Una Galliers).

Friday, 17th

‘The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us.’ *(1 John 1: 2)*

“Praise you, Lord Jesus, for the life and witness and writings of St. John. Praise you that you were seen and heard by him. Praise you that you changed and transformed his life. Come among us today, by your Spirit, and change us. Fill us with your Spirit and empower us to shine for you.”

P.T.O.

- Let us pray that church leaders and church congregations may all stand firmly and graciously for the Gospel of the Lord, as revealed in Holy Scripture. And pray that they all may be able to courageously resist all teaching that is false.
- Please pray for all that goes on in the Church Office throughout the week and especially on a busy Friday.
- Please pray for the Events Committee as they meet tonight to make plans for special events in the coming year.
- Mission Links: Please pray for the 10 men and women from Betel who were baptised on Easter Sunday at Anchor Point Church. Pray for their spiritual protection as they continue their journey with Jesus and their release from addictions. Pray too for Sophia Cuthbert as she was baptised at the same time. May they all grow in their faith and know the joy it brings.
- Please pray for Woolner Road (Diana Garner).

Saturday, 18th

‘We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.’ *(1 John 1: 3)*

“Praise you, Lord Jesus, for the fellowship which we have, by faith, with you and with the Father and with all believers – across the world and down through the ages. May our fellowship with you radiate out from our lives and draw many in.”

- Please continue to pray for Bishop Rob and all that he does.
- Please pray for the Newcomers Morning at St John’s today. Pray for all who have started coming to our churches recently – pray that they will feel truly welcome and that they will find in our church a place to grow and to serve.
- Please pray for the plans for the new Church Hall, as this goes through the council’s planning process.
- Local churches: pray for Phil, our Area Dean, as he coordinates what we do together as local C of E churches.
- Please pray for Woodlands Close (Christine Gees).

Sunday, 19th

'We write this to make our joy complete.' *(1 John 1: 4)*

"Praise you, Lord, for the gift of joy. May our joy in you be complete. May it be clearly seen by those among whom we live and move and have our being. And may it be used by you to draw many into the Kingdom of Righteousness."

- Pray for Christians across the country - that all who are the Lord's may be filled with joy and that this joy may overflow into local communities.
- Pray for the Byrne family as they have a Thanksgiving for Callie at St. Mark's this morning.
- 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 today – that the numbers will grow.
- Please pray for St. John's Road (Anne Gilsenan).

Monday, 20th

'This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.' *(1 John 1: 5)*

"Thank you, O Lord our God, that you are light and that in you there is no darkness at all. And so we pray today that your light may stream forth – through the prayers of your faithful people, through the faithful preaching of your Word and through the fellowship of all who believe in you."

- Let us thank God today for the wonderful work of the Christian Institute. Let us pray that the Lord may bless all the work of the Institute and that He may encourage all members of staff.
- Please pray for a Great Awakening in Great Clacton... and beyond!
- Give thanks for our Little Fishes. Please pray that those who have been coming for quite a while will think deeply about what they have heard from the Bible.
- Please pray for our Homegroups meeting throughout the week.
- Please pray for Gorse Lane (Alan and Bernadette Goody).

Tuesday, 21st

‘If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.’ *(1 John 1: 6)*

“Today we pray, O Lord, that all who claim to have fellowship with you may recognise and flee from the darkness – whatever form it may take. Give us discerning hearts and minds – that we may clearly see darkness in thought or word or deed – and flee from it.”

- Let us pray today that, over these coming months, many more individuals and churches may decide to join Church Society.
- Pray that many in this parish might seek the Lord.
- Thank God for all that Rachel and Hannah do. Pray that their work will lead to true faith in the lives of children and young people.
- Please pray as we plan for our Summer Weekend with other local churches in June. Pray for Mark, David and Mark H working on it.
- Please pray for Risby Close (Roger and Janet Goody).

Wednesday, 22nd

‘But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.’ *(1 John 1: 7)*

“Thank you, O Lord our God, that if we walk in the light, as you are in the light, we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus, your Son, purifies us from all sin. May we all know and experience the purifying power of the blood of Jesus and live as your beloved and forgiven people.”

- Pray that the light of the Lord may shine brightly from churches and from Christians across this land.
- Please pray for our Wednesday Worshippers, as they meet today. Pray for godly fellowship as people share together and support one another.
- Please pray for our young people meeting at Ignite this evening.
- Please pray for our PCC meeting this evening and for each member of the PCC. Pray for good discussions and wise decisions.
- Please pray for Imperial Court (Mary Grint).

Thursday, 23rd

'If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.' **(1 John 1: 8)**

"May we all avoid the deceitful temptation of believing that we are without sin. May we be daily aware of our many sins and wickedness. May we daily look to you, O Lord, for your free and full forgiveness."

- Pray that all God's people may walk in the light and that the light may drive back the darkness across the land.
- Please pray for your family, your neighbours, your community - pray for vital and effective outreach into our parish.
- Please pray for Together. Pray for new people to join and for numbers to swell over the coming months.
- Persecuted Church: Please pray for Open Doors as they strengthen the persecuted church in Nicaragua by providing Christian literature, discipleship training, emergency relief aid, legal advice and education for pastors.
- Please pray for St. Osyth Road West (Kathryn Hall).

Friday, 24th

'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.'
(1 John 1: 9)

"Praise you, Lord Jesus, that you are faithful and just. Praise you that you will forgive the sins of all who confess their sins. Praise you for your power to purify us from all unrighteousness."

- Thank God for those who contribute to and edit the Crossway Magazine. Pray that God will use and bless their hard work.
- Thank God for everyone who works in the church office. Pray that the Lord will help and guide them in all that they do there.
- Pray for all who pass through and sit in St John's Churchyard.
- Mission Links: Pray for the Lunyole OT translation team as they work on the books of 2 Chronicles and Numbers. Please pray that God would guide them and grant them wisdom and perseverance.
- Please pray for Martinsdale (June Hammerton).

Saturday, 25th

‘If we claim that we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.’ **(1 John 1: 10)**

“Today we pray, O Lord our God, that we may be convinced that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Today we proclaim that you are the Truth. Help us to live our lives in humble obedience to your Word.”

- Let us remember in prayer today all those across the country who are poor and needy. Let us pray that Christians and churches may respond with sensitivity and generosity.
- It’s the Coffee Morning today. Let’s pray that the Church Hall will be filled with people and good conversations. Pray for Steph and the team as they serve and welcome.
- Please pray for all in our church family who are ill at this time.
- Other local churches: Pray for Guy and other retired ministers, as they help out taking services in quite a few local churches.
- Please pray for Greenlawns (June Hammond).

Sunday, 26th

‘My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defence – Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.’ **(1 John 2: 1, 2)**

“Today, O Lord, we thank you and praise you that you sent Jesus, the Righteous One, as an advocate and as the atoning sacrifice for our sins. And not only for our sins but for the sins of the whole world. Today we praise you for your people in every land and in every nation. May we all today lift high the Cross of Christ.”

- Pray that all Christians may know the Lord’s forgiving power.
- Please pray that each of our services today would bring glory to God and encouragement to all of his people who gather together.
- Please pray for more families with children to join us at St Mark’s.
- Please pray for those joining with the online service this morning.
- Please pray Foxglove Close (Katrina Hammond).