

Thames Valley Circuit Prayer Diary

September – November 2017

**"Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive." Matthew 21²²
(NRSV)**

We invite you to join us in remembering in prayer a specific church each week.



Sunday, 3rd September

Thames Valley Circuit

- We give thanks for the additional assistance being given to the Thames Valley Circuit at this time – especially for those who are coming from outside the Circuit to offer support.
- We pray for those who face a bleak crop as we sing our harvest hymns.

Sunday, 10th September

Burnham



- We give thanks for the Alpha Course, which has generated much interest and has been a source of much blessing. We give thanks too, for the visit from Wayne Dixon, and the work he is leading amongst young people in the area – Christian Connections in Schools.
- We pray for those in our church who are planning a further Alpha course in September, and that those who attend will come to knowledge and understanding of our Lord and Saviour.

Sunday, 17th September

Colbrook & Poyle United Church



- We give thanks for our members who, despite being mostly elderly, remain true to their beliefs and are not averse to accepting change.
- Pray for our multi-cultural society. May the faithful be manyfold, and the troubled find faith, certainty, hope, truth and peace.

Sunday, 24th September

Cookham Rise



- We give thanks for the continuing success of the Cookham Community Allotment and praise God for this year's abundant harvest.
- We pray for the men, women and children who come regularly to the allotment, that they may experience abundance of life and know God's transforming love.

Sunday, 1st October

Eton Wick



- We are very thankful to the Circuit's Ministerial team and all the dedicated Local Preachers, who enabled us to have two worship services each Sunday.
- We pray that we shall have God's blessing for the future journey, having now taken the painful decision to discontinue our morning service for a trial period.

Sunday, 8th October

Hampshire Avenue



- We give thanks for the dedicated leadership and membership of the LEP with St. John's & St. Michael's churches.
- We pray for all the ministers in our circuit for God's guidance, strength and wisdom.

Sunday, 15th October

High Street, Maidenhead



- We give thanks for our families whether live with us or far away. We thank you for our church family who are working together to support our circuit staff while we are without a presbyter. We thank you especially for the younger families who worship with us and are considering the way forward for our church.
- We pray for all the worshipping communities within Maidenhead. We pray that as we try to work more closely with St Mark's Crescent and encourage each other with our plans and activities, we get to know each better. At this time of great unrest we pray especially for our Moslem friends and thank them for their welcome and hospitality at the Mosque.

Sunday, 22nd October

Ledgers Road



- We give thanks for Deacon Andy Packer and all the work he has done and continues to do at Ledgers Road. We give thanks also for the Pre-school that meets in our Church Hall.
- We pray for our Young Church, that we will see more young people attending. We pray also for the Pre-school leaders.

Sunday, 29th October

Old Windsor



- We give thanks for the members and friends who support us as we try to work out how best to use our limited resources.
- We pray for the leaders at all levels of the church who inspire and encourage us to attempt great things for God.

Sunday, 5th November

St Andrew's Slough



- We give thanks to the Lord with grateful hearts that our church remains a welcoming, lovely, caring and friendly environment where all are welcome.
- We pray that you will bring about a passion in the hearts of those who are sitting by idly knowing that they could be doing something to grow and nurture the church, and for strength for the ones that are giving so much to keep the church running. Be with them, Father.

Sunday, 12th November

St Mark's Crescent Maidenhead



- We give thanks for the support of our friends around the circuit in our *2020 Vision* project, and the increased fellowship our fundraising activities have allowed us to enjoy.
- We pray for our *Messy Church* as we increase the frequency of our meetings; we pray that we may give and receive blessings with our families and helpers.

Sunday, 19th November

Windsor



- We give thanks for our lovely Church and the kind people who give of their time and energy to maintain the building, and build up the fellowship of the Church.
- We pray for the elderly members who are faithful, some of whom face health problems. We pray for our young people in the Sunday School, and their teachers who prepare every week. We pray that they may all keep well and cheerful by God's grace.

Sunday, 26th November

Woodlands Park



- We pray for people everywhere who have endured traumatic events.
- We give thanks for organisations and volunteers who put their energies into helping the aforesaid.

Thought for the quarter

Put peace into each other's hands ...

and like a treasure hold it ...

These are the first two lines of Fred Kaan's hymn,
Singing the Faith 712.

Do take the opportunity to look at the entire hymn.