

Thames Valley Circuit Prayer Diary

December 2017 – February 2018

**"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 December

Thames Valley Circuit

- We give thanks for the Christ-child as God's promise to be with us always.
- We pray for those who find this season a painful reminder of loved ones who have died.

Sunday, 10th December

Burnham



- We give thanks for *Cameo* – the Thursday lunch club – now running with new leadership and some new members attending.
- We pray for the volunteers who help out at *Cameo* and ask for God's blessing on their activities.

Sunday, 17th December

Colbrook & Poyle United Church



- We give thanks for the greater co-operation between our church and St Thomas's.
- Pray for the Parish Church as it enters an interregnum, and offer our support through this stressful time.

Sunday, 24th December

Cookham Rise



- We give thanks for those who use our premises, for all the activities provided by the church, and especially The Meeting Place where home-made food and companionship are shared.
- As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we pray for all babies born today and their parents, grant them peace, acknowledging that the world has not really changed in 2000 years when into such a world as ours, love came down.

Sunday, 31st December

Eton Wick



- As 2017 draws to a close, we reflect on God's sustaining love for us over the year.
- We ask for God's help and guidance for the year to come, remembering the words of Minnie Louise Haskins: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

Sunday, 7th January

Hampshire Avenue



- We pray God's blessings of wisdom, strength and love, for all ministers of the Gospel as we start a new year.
- We give thanks for the on-going bond we share with our local LEP (St. John's & St. Michael's churches).

Sunday, 14th January

High Street, Maidenhead



- We give thanks for God's faithfulness to us through times of change.
- Please join with us in praying for our church family Away Day in the New Year and that we will be refreshed, enthused and drawn together as we look to the future.

Sunday, 21st January

Ledgers Road



- We give thanks for the faithful members of our congregation past and present.
- We pray for continued growth of our church family in this coming year and beyond as we strive to uphold our mission statement to minister alongside the poor.

Sunday, 28th January

Old Windsor



- We give thanks for our successful outreach during Harvest, and hope that similar events in the future will be just as welcome.
- We pray for our work with *Open the Book* at the local First School, that it may continue to engage children and staff and encourage us all.

Sunday, 4th February

St Andrew's Slough



- We give thanks to you, O Lord, for the abundance of blessing you have bestowed upon us as a Church.
- We pray for good health and daily food, for the shelter and care of our homes, for the love of family and friends which surround us.

Sunday, 11th February

St Mark's Crescent Maidenhead



- We give thanks for all the hard work of our members that has gone into our project and for the support of our circuit churches.
- We ask for God's continued guidance and strength as we continue with our project, and pray that we may continue to build our fellowship with the other churches in our Circuit.

Sunday, 18th February

Windsor



- We give thanks for those who work with the children in our Sunday School, Messy Church and the Brownies.
- We pray for the work of the Outreach Committee seeking to raise £5000 for local people in the village of Gulu, Uganda, who trying to build a well and community Hall for internally displaced people in Uganda.

Sunday, 25th February

Woodlands Park



- We give thanks for the growth in numbers at our small Church. May our congregation continue to grow.
- We pray for those in Woodlands Park Methodist Church who are involved in outreach activities within the community.

Thought for the quarter

O Lord,
Into our place of darkness,
into our place of strife,
into our fears and worries,
come with eternal life.

Celtic prayer