THE CHURCH AND THE PARISH

Through this month we pray for people who live or work in the following roads:

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We pray for Martin our Vicar, for Geraldine and their family. We pray for Tom and Nick our bishops, for Danny our Archdeacon, and all religious leaders and congregations who seek to live by the Light of Truth. We pray for Ian our reader, and Sandra, our SPA, and for Sarah, training to be a Reader; and we pray for our Churchwardens and the PCC. We pray for the Junior Church, its leaders and helpers, and for the helpers and leaders of our ‘CHUMS’ and Merstham Baptist youth group, as they join together for meetings. We pray for all involved with the Little Lions and the ‘T’ Time Tales. We pray for our congregation at St Mark’s and for those to be baptized or married this month.

We pray for all those people who will be on holiday this month, from their work, college or school. We pray for all who will be travelling by road, sea or air, and for families or groups who will take young children with them. We pray that they may all have a time of recreation and rest, as well as opportunities for new experiences, enjoyment and interests. We pray too for those who will be unable, for whatever circumstance, to have a holiday break this year, that they may be able to find times of relaxation and recreation, to enable them to carry on their lives with renewed invigoration. We pray for those who devote themselves to the care of the sick, elderly or disabled. We pray for all those who will visit our church and congregation, that they may be greeted warmly, and feel wanted in this community, however long or short their stay.
We pray for:
- our closer working together with others locally
- the future of St Mark’s parish and community
- the gifts of wisdom and clear sightedness - that we may become aware of our strengths and weaknesses
- the vision to make wise decisions - that we may be ready to discover what should be our priorities, how best we can achieve God’s purposes for St Mark’s and the courage to carry these through.

We pray for the various activities in and around St Mark’s:

- Prayer Meeting in church at 8.50am. - and each following Tuesday morning (Aug 1)
- SMART retirement group at 2.30pm. (Aug 3)
- Celebration of the Transfiguration of Our Lord (Aug 6)
- Eucharist for Our Lady of Walsingham (Aug 8)
- Sung Eucharist and Holy Baptism (Aug 13)
- Mothers’ Union Wave of Prayer (Aug 14)
- St Bartholomew the Apostle (Aug 24)

Looking more widely, we pray:

- For all people suffering from the effects of war, civil unrest, or natural disaster.
- We pray for peace, and wisdom for all in authority, that their decisions and actions may be made with justice and integrity.
- We pray for the hungry, the homeless and the dispossessed, and for those who have lost contact with their families and loved ones.
- We pray for all prisoners and captives and for those who care for them.
- We pray that we may develop in our spiritual life, greater understanding of the enormous power, forgiveness and love of God, shown to the world in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

      Amen
THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

PEOPLE IN HOSPITAL

Anne Stagg       Operation for breast cancer:
                 Parkside Hospital, Wimbledon.
Robin Dalton     Operation for prostate cancer.
Jean Preston     Major heart attack.
                 (Angela’s sister)
Peter Stanford   Heart attack.

PEOPLE AT HOME

Shirley Powell   Is now home from ESH again and has finished the
                 current course of chemotherapy.
Valerie Marsh    Voice is still giving trouble.
Joy Simpson      Has had a further, but shorter, period of depression.
Sandra Teo       Has had operation for re-alignment of her spine:
                 can now stand and sit for longer periods
                 and can drive her car again.
William Lot      Has been very poorly.
Michael Mayne    Mouth cancer: he is in great pain.
                 (Priest)
Penny Brookman   Liver cancer.
Hilary Westmacott Complicated heart problems.
Katie Jennings   Has had further treatment for her cancer,
                 and seems to be doing well.
Sheila Jennings Davy  Is relieved that Katie’s treatment seems
                 to have gone well.
Louisa d’Abo     Young mother, recovering from appendix operation.
Geraldine Wright Recovering from operations on her hands.
Bob Thomas       Recovering from heart surgery, and is very grateful
                 for our prayers.
John Gascoigne-Pees Is recovering from a broken leg.
PEOPLE IN LONG TERM NEED OF OUR PRAYERS
Maureen (multiple sclerosis); John & Shirley Powell and their family;
Robert; Molly Johnston; Family Visuet (in Mexico); Iris Sheppard;
Janet Burns; Anneke Cook; Barbara Fowles; Ian Kitteringham (Priest)
and Jeanette, his wife; John Sharpley; James McCallough;
Elisabeth Gaunt.

THE ELDERLY
Those at home: Eva Mann; Muriel Fisher; Thelma Hankin.

Barbara Dobbin Westminster Beaumont Nursing Home, Reigate.
Mary Waterlow Westminster Beaumont Nursing Home, Reigate.
Margaret Dixon Chalk Mead Home, Merstham.
Betty Earl Wray Common Nursing Home: recovering slowly from
a broken hip and has had several falls.
Margaret Hampton Wray Park Hall: is feeling more frail these days.
Jean Love Priors Mead: not really very well.
Nancy Stone The Dene, Caterham.

THE DECEASED
We pray for the souls of the departed, particularly

Dorothy Schenk Jane Love
Bruce Swaffield Suzanne Budgen
Gertrude Sidey

and we remember the bereaved relatives and friends.

If you would like a name put on the list, or have news to update the situation
of anyone listed, please tell the Vicar (241161) or Hazel Edwards (244958).