



Lent 2024

Prayer Diary

Sunday 11th – Saturday 17th February

As we remember St Valentine, who was martyred for marrying Christian couples. On the ‘day of love’ may we focus on the one who is love: ‘Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.’ (1 John 4:7)

<p>11. February. In our link with Diocese of the Highveld. We pray for the Bishop, for clergy and people in our link Parish Davyton, Benoni, (East Johannesburg) may God bless them.</p>	<p>15. For the Revd. Sally & all who join her on Lent walks. May they be kept safe on their journey and meet Jesus along the way.</p>
<p>12. For all who live, work and worship in Usk & in Coed-y-Paen.</p>	<p>16. On Care Day 2024, we give thanks for those who provide safety and support to children in care. We pray that all children will know they are loved by their Father in heaven.</p>
<p>13. On Shrove Tuesday, we give thanks for your provision to us, Lord, and ask that you help us reflect your generosity and share with those who are hungry and in need. Freely, we have received, so let us freely give. (Matthew 10:8)</p>	<p>17. For all who live, work and worship in Llandenny.</p>
<p>14. On Ash Wednesday, we remember that God made us from dust, and to dust we shall return. May the cross that many will mark on their foreheads today remind us of our need for salvation and the forgiveness found in Jesus Christ. ‘If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins’ (1 John 1:9)</p>	

Sunday 18th – Saturday 24th February

As we journey through Lent, we remember Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness, where he 'faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin' (Hebrews 4:15). May we model ourselves on Christ, drawing near to Him, refocusing on Him, during Lent and beyond.

<p>18. For all those who live, work & worship in Bryngwyn & Kemeys.</p>	<p>22. In our link with the Parish of Davyton, Benoni, (East Johannesburg) we give thanks for the work of the church. For Fr. Thbang at St Albans, our link church. We pray the Holy Spirit would continue to work in and through him.</p>
<p>19. For the tourism and travel industries. For all who will holiday & visit Monmouthshire this season. May they find rest and relaxation.</p>	<p>23. For all those who live, work and worship in Llanhennock.</p>
<p>20. On the World Day of Social Justice, we pray for wisdom and revelation in the hearts of world leaders so that they will have compassion for the oppressed and vulnerable. Give us perseverance to seek justice, 'for the LORD is a God of justice'. (Isaiah 30:18)</p>	<p>24. For all Holy Week & Easter services & events. We give thanks for all the hard work organising them and pray that all those who attend would be encouraged and feel welcomed.</p>
<p>21. For those who struggle to talk about their mental health. Help us to share and listen well, and to love one another and build one another up, may all discover the peace of Christ</p>	

Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3: 17)

Sunday 25th – Saturday 2nd March

This week, we're praying for Children and Families and all who work with them across our Ministry Area. We give thanks for their skills, time, gifts and talents as they bless our communities. We pray that you will sustain them.

<p>25. For all those who live, work & worship in Llanover.</p>	<p>29. Educational establishments and all who work with and care for children and young people. For those with limited or no access to education.</p>
<p>26. For all children who feel anxious, alone or lost, particularly those in our families and communities here & in our link church, St Albans in the parish of Davyton, Benoni, (East Johannesburg). May they receive the care they need and know you are near, Lord</p>	<p>1. March. On St David's Day, we pray for the people of Wales; we remember St David. We give thanks for his passion for the Gospel which helped to spread Christianity. We give thanks for his purity and simplicity of life. His gentleness and clear spiritual leadership. 'Be steadfast, and do the little things', through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen</p>
<p>27. For all those who live, work & worship in Mamhilad.</p>	<p>2. For all those who live, work & worship in Raglan.</p>
<p>28. As we mark the anniversary of the invasion of Ukraine, we pray for an end to the conflict and lament all the lives that have been lost. We thank you that you are near to the broken-hearted, and we give thanks for the faithful work of the church in Ukraine. Please give us faith to pray for peace, and not lose heart.</p>	

Sunday 3rd-Saturday 9th March

The start of March marks World Compliment Day. Lord, help us be lavish in our compliments and remind us to be kind, ‘encouraging one another and building one another up’ (1 Thessalonians 5:11). As we pray, please put people on our hearts who need encouragement this week.

<p>3. For those who will experience ‘Wild Lent’ this afternoon at St John’s Church, Llandenny. A time for all ages outdoors together.</p>	<p>7. For all those who live, work & worship in Goytre.</p>
<p>4. In our link with the parish of Davyton, Benoni, (East Johannesburg) and here at home we pray for all involved in health care. Those suffering in mind, body or spirit. Those who do not have ready access to treatment. Those awaiting treatment or results</p>	<p>8. On International Women’s Day, we give thanks for the women who bless our lives and communities. We pray for women around the world suffering because of prejudice, abuse, and hate. Where there is despair, we pray for hope.</p>
<p>5. 2. For all those who live, work & worship in Trostrey & Llandegfedd.</p>	<p>9. For all those who live, work & worship in Llangybi.</p>
<p>6. During ‘No More’ Week, we give thanks for campaigns like ‘UK Says No More’ which raises awareness to end domestic abuse and sexual violence. We pray for more support for victims, and that your church and its people would be a safe space for them.</p>	

Sunday 10th– Saturday 16th March

During this season of Lent, would you continue to strengthen us in our prayer, fasting and worship. Please help us to search our hearts, just as you search us and know us. Teach us to only seek you. May anything we have placed above you fall away

10. On Mothering Sunday, we give thanks for our mothers & those who mother us and their love for us. We pray for those who find Mother’s Day difficult due to loss, estrangement, or inability to have children. Thank you for comforting us ‘as a mother comforts her child’. (Isaiah 66:13)	14. For those who live & work in Tredunnoch & Wolvesnewton.
11. For those who live, work & worship in Llantrisant.	15. On Red Nose Day, we give thanks for the difference Comic Relief is making to the lives of millions of people as it aims to tackle poverty around the world.
12. For those who live, work & worship in Monkswood.	16. All endangered wildlife and habitats. Environmental and wildlife charities and organisations.
13. On Young Carers Action Day, we pray for young carers in our communities and for those who may not recognise their role as a caregiver to help us support them. Jesus, your burden is light even when ours feel heavy, may they come to you and find rest.	

May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up on my hands be like the evening sacrifice. (Psalm 141:2)

Sunday 17th – Saturday 23rd March

During the last week of the school term, as the Easter holiday approaches, we pray for energy for our teachers and other school staff and pupils and their parents. We also pray for holiday clubs, particularly those providing food for families struggling because of the current cost-of-living crisis.

<p>17. We reflect on climate conditions in our link with the Diocese of the Highveld. For those supporting communities dealing with extreme weather conditions, flooding, and crop failures. We pray for your provision.</p>	<p>21. On the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, we pray for all those who have been victims of racism and ask for forgiveness when the church has been a part of this. We know God made all of humanity in his likeness and that he calls all nations to himself. We pray for an end to racism in all its forms</p>
<p>18. For those who living, working & worship in Llanbadoc.</p>	<p>22. On World Water Day, we pray for the 2.2 billion people without access to safe water due to the water and sanitation crisis. Lord of living waters, convict us to re-think how we use water and how we support our global neighbours</p>
<p>19. On the First Day of Spring, we reflect on new life, and the new lives Christ has given us. We give thanks, that He brought us from darkness into light. Though the seasons change, we remember that God remains the same 'For his steadfast love endures forever.' (Psalm 136:1)</p>	<p>23. For those who live, work & worship in Bettws.</p>
<p>20. For those who live, work & worship in Glascoed.</p>	

Sunday 24th– Sunday 31st March

During Holy Week, between the celebrations of Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, we remember the betrayal, animosity, humiliation, and pain you endured for our salvation: ‘They will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day.’ (Matthew 20:18-19

<p>24. On Palm Sunday, we remember Jesus’ entrance into Jerusalem as people shouted ‘Hosanna’, which means please save us, ‘blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord’ (Mark 11:9). May we rejoice in you today and always, our King and Saviour</p>	<p>28. On Maundy Thursday, we remember Jesus’ prayer in the garden: ‘Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done’ (Luke 22:42). Lord Jesus, thank you for your commitment to us, help us to always surrender to God’s will</p>
<p>25. We cry out to the God of compassion for all who suffer in the Holy Land today. Lord, have mercy. Mighty and caring God, meet us in our distress and bring peace upon this troubled land.</p>	<p>29. On Good Friday, we remember Jesus’ crucifixion, our sins nailed to the cross with Christ. ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ (Luke 23:42</p>
<p>26. For creation. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognise that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.</p>	<p>30. On Easter Saturday, we pray for all those who do not know the truth and hope of the death and resurrection of Jesus: ‘For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.’ (John 3:16</p>
<p>27. For Growth. Help our churches to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment and in service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>	<p>31. On Easter Sunday, we proclaim Christ is risen. He has conquered the grave! We thank you for the power that raised Jesus lives in us and pray that by the Holy Spirit, we would have boldness to witness to others.</p>

For details of Holy Week & Easter Day Services,
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