

Smestow Vale Team Prayer Diary

April 2017

Please pray for all in long-term sickness or incapacity, including Arthur Barratt, Dorothy Parry, James Clowsley, Alma Elliott, May Griffiths, Kath Worthington, Kathy Anderson and Stella Fairhurst.

Saturday April 1st - *Monks Close, Wombourne*

Please pray for the workshop at Swindon today on the theme: "Creating an Easter Experience." Pray for all who will be participating in that workshop.

Sunday April 2nd - Lent 5 (Passion Sunday)

Today, the congregations from St Benedict's should be back in the refurbished building. Join with them in their celebrations, and thank God for his goodness.

Monday April 3rd -

- Mount Close, Wombourne

As we continue in our journey through Lent and Passiontide, please pray that our Lenten observance may enable us to walk more closely with God, both now and in the days and years to come.



Tuesday April 4th - *Mount Drive, Wombourne*

Today is the day set for interviews for the vacant Team Vicar post. Pray for a good response to the advert and for Godly guidance in appointing a successor to Jeanette. Pray too for all attending the Lent Lunches today, at Common Road Methodist Church and at 2 Reynolds Close, Swindon.

Wednesday April 5th - *Mount Road, Wombourne*

The Swindon Lent Course continues at Swindon Vicarage today; there will be a service for Corbett School at Holy Cross Church; and the Wombourne Pastoral Group meet after Morning Prayer this morning. Please pray for all involved in these activities.

Thursday April 6th - *Neachless Avenue, Wombourne*

Please pray for the countries in East Africa where the people are starving, mainly due to warfare and terrorism: especially northern Nigeria, South Sudan, Yemen and Somalia. Pray for the agencies endeavouring to bring in food: for the protection of their personnel and that the way will be clear.

Friday April 7th - *New Road Farm, Swindon*

Please pray for the students and staff attending the School Service at St Benedict's today. Please pray for St Benedict's School as they continue to establish themselves as an Academy.

Saturday April 8th - *New Road, Bobbington*

Please pray for the people of Mosul as the fight continues to liberate it from ISIS. Pray for all the civilians who have been living there, that they may be able to escape to safety.

Sunday April 9th - Palm Sunday

Please pray for all taking part in the reading of the Passion this morning, and for the those attending the 6.30 evening service at St Benedict's: A Journey to the Cross.

Monday April 10th - Monday of Holy Week

Today's Holy Week Team Eucharist will be at All Saints', Trysull. Please pray for all who will be part of that service. Pray too for the Easter service at Himley Mill Nursing Home today at 2.30.

Tuesday April 11th - Tuesday of Holy Week

Our Eucharist today will be at St John's Swindon. Please continue to pray for all involved in the observance of Holy Week. Pray too for the Greater Staff Meeting this morning and for the Swindon Lent Lunch at 2 Reynolds Close.

Wednesday April 12th - Wednesday of Holy Week

As Holy Week continues, today's Team Eucharist will be celebrated at Holy Cross, Bobbington. Please pray for everyone who will be there.

Thursday April 13th - Maundy Thursday

Please hold in your prayers today the Diocesan Chrim Mass at Lichfield cathedral, and all the celebrants and congregation. Pray too for the evening Eucharist and foot-washing, and vigil of prayer which follows, at St Benedict's. Our prayers are asked, too, for all the participants in the Holy Communion service at St Michael's which follows a light supper at 7.30.

Friday April 14th - Good Friday

Please remember in your prayers all that is taking place today: the young people's workshop this morning; the ecumenical procession and service on Windmill Bank, and the Good Friday service at St Benedict's (followed by Hot Cross Buns).

Saturday April 15th - Easter Eve (Holy Saturday)

Our Holy Week events conclude with the Easter Vigil Service at St Benedict's this evening. Please pray that the church will be full, and for everyone who will attend that service.



Sunday April 16th - Easter Day

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Join with all those throughout the world celebrating the Resurrection today. Pray for all attending the 11.00 service at St Michael's, followed by the Easter Egg Hunt; and for all attending Easter services in all parts of the Team.

Monday April 17th - Monday of Easter Week

Please remember those young people who have put their names forward for Confirmation, and ask God to add to their number. Pray that, during this time

of preparation they will grow in their love for God and for his Son Jesus Christ.

Tuesday April 18th - Tuesday of Easter Week

Please pray today for the homeless in Wolverhampton and other localities. Pray that they will be helped to turn their lives around, and for all those who seek to care for them.

Wednesday April 19th - Wednesday of Easter Week

Throughout the world there are around sixty-five million (65,000,000) people displaced from their homes by warfare, terrorism and persecution, as well as by natural disasters. Pray for them and those seeking to help them, that the people will be able to return home and resume their daily lives.

Thursday April 20th - Thursday of Easter Week

Today, there will be a lunch at the Venerable Bede. Please pray for those who will be attending, and for those who are housebound and will receive their lunch at home. Thank God for all those who through their efforts make these occasions so enjoyable.

Friday April 21st - Friday of Easter Week

Theresa May was due to trigger Brexit on 29th March. Please pray for a good outcome of the discussions with the European Union, and for all those working within our own country to enable a smooth transition.

Saturday April 22nd - Saturday of Easter Week

There is much change within Europe with hitherto small Parties gaining a great deal of support. Please pray for wisdom for all those voting at this time for presidents and governments on the Continent.

Sunday April 23rd - Easter 2

Please pray for baptisms at St Benedict's this afternoon, and for Brooke Kay Steventon being baptised at Himley. Pray too for Bobbington's Annual Meeting being held today.

Monday April 24th - George, patron of England

The Easter holiday is over and schools are returning to work today. Please pray for all students; especially those who will be taking examinations in the weeks to come, that they may be enabled to give of their best.

Tuesday April 25th - Mark the Evangelist

Please pray for the Swimley group meeting today at 2.30, that they will be aware of God guiding their discussion.

Wednesday April 26th - Nursery Drive, Wombourne

Please continue to hold the United States in your prayers as they continue to try to make sense of the new administration.

Thursday April 27th - Oak Drive, Seisdon

Please pray for all who make up the Body of Christ in the Smestow Vale team: for our clergy, Paul, Charmaine, and Sue; our readers; children's worker and her helpers; Churchwardens; PCCs; treasurers, secretaries; intercessors; lesson readers; bell ringers; musical directors; choirs; servers

and Eucharistic assistants; sides people; cleaners; those working in the Parish Office; and all who have been blessed with some other form of ministry.

Friday April 28th - *Oaks Drive, Wombourne*

A few weeks ago, the Cheerful Givers committee, on behalf of Wombourne PCC, donated £500 to the DEC appeal for the East Africa crisis. Please pray that the money, together with that subscribed by so many others, will be put to good use.

Saturday April 29th - *Oaklands, Wombourne*

Our regular donation this month is to support the purchase of a Critical Care Mobile CT Scanner for use at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham. Please pray that the money needed can be raised quickly and the scanner put into use.

Sunday April 30th - *Old Vicarage Close, Wombourne*

Today is Godparents' Sunday. Please pray for all who undertake to be Godparents, that they will understand their role, and be enabled to perform their on-going duties conscientiously. Pray too for the APCMs at St Michael's and St John's after the services.