

# PRAYER PLANNER

## Mental Health Matters

Give thanks for our recent Cornerstone series reflecting on Mental Health and how the experience of the Psalmists speaks into those issues. Pray for a greater openness and understanding so we can talk honestly about these issues.

Pray for our upcoming training evening 'Mental Health Matters', on Wednesday 13th March (7.30 for 7.45pm) with Helen Thorne, a trainer and counsellor from London City Mission. Pray for:

- Helen as she speaks to help us see the issues clearly
- Those who struggle with Mental Health to feel like their voice is heard
- All of us to be better equipped to show love and practical support to those in need
- Ask that as a result we might be clear in our own minds about Mental Health, how we can help, and put that care into practice.

Pray for those who work in the field of health and social care. Pray for wisdom as they balance the increased needs and the decreasing resources.

Pray for carers looking after loved ones with Mental Health conditions; whether young people suffering from anxiety or older people with dementia - pray for patience and sustaining grace in their role. Pray for Parent Carers as they meet together on the 16th March - ask that they might support each other in their shared experiences.

## Lent

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (6th March). It's a time traditionally given to prayer, reflection and confession.

Why not use these 40 days until Easter to commit to praying regularly each day, following a Bible reading plan, or reading a good Christian book.

Do join in the Lent Course. Running from Wednesday 13th March for five weeks looking at some less well known Bible characters.

10.15-11.45am at the Evangelical Free Church.

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### Ash Wednesday

*The beginning of Lent, there will be a short service in church at 10am.*

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### PCC

*Pray for wisdom for the PCC as they consider annual reports and accounts.*

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### Prayer Meeting

*Come and pray together at 12noon and 8pm in the Tiger Lounge*

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### Mothering Sunday

*Give thanks for mothers and those who have nurtured and cared for us.*

## Looking in

### Welcome Tea

Give thanks for lots of new people who have started coming to All Saints in recent months. Pray that they might feel welcome and settled within our church family - ask that we would all be good at welcoming.

Pray for the welcome tea on 10th March that it would help people to feel part of All Saints. Pray too for those who've returned to church now that the building has reopened. Ask that they might feel settled too.

### GNC Leaders

Give thanks for our Good News Club leaders. Pray for them as they meet together (24th) to give thanks for the term gone and to look ahead to the next. Ask that their energy and passion to share Jesus with our young people would be renewed and strengthened.

Continue to pray for Penny Hollebon as she takes time to rest and be restored.

### Women Together

Pray for the Women Together Easter cafe and craft afternoon on the 30th. Pray for a warm and welcoming atmosphere of friendship and relaxation together. Ask that the women of All Saints would invite their friends along and that the message of Easter and the love of God's people will help to draw guests to Jesus.

### Mothering Sunday

This Mothering Sunday (31st) give thanks for our mothers and the love and care we received from them. Pray for those who find this day hard; perhaps through the loss or strained relationship with a mother, for those who have lost or been unable to have children. Ask that all would know the love and care of our kind Lord.

Pray especially for our 11.15am service on Mothering Sunday (31st). Mothering Sunday was traditionally a call to return to 'Mother Church'. Ask that this special guest service might, be just right for people who've not been to church for a while. Pray that we would have boldness to invite friends, family and neighbours to come along.

## Sunday Services - 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st

- Pray for our new teaching series in our morning services reflected on the "Longest Week" - the last 7 days before Jesus' death.
- Give thanks for all those who've expressed a desire to serve in different ways on a Sunday, through the Discipleship surveys and pray for good follow up to make the most of many gifts.
- Give thanks for our musicians, sound and vision operators who serve us well each week.

## Looking out

### Marriage in Mind

Pray for the Marriage in Mind preparation day (3rd March). For Nick & Louise Hawes, Mike & Alice Swarbrick and David & Emma Tingley as they lead the day.

Pray especially for the couples getting married at All Saints this summer:

- Sarah Mepham & James McKemey
- Micaela Smith & Tom English
- Alice Webb & Tom Harris
- Jennifer Watt & Trey Starnes
- Francesca Taylor & Alan Ridgewell
- Fiona Geddie & Nicholas St. George

Pray too as a number of other couples from Horsted Keynes take part in the preparation day.

### Funeral Ministry

Give thanks for the opportunity that the clergy have to minister to those grieving the loss of a loved one and for the chance to share something of the hope of the gospel. As we begin to take more funerals again (with the church reopening) ask that our care of the bereaved would be marked by compassion and hope.

### Tiger Arts

Give thanks for Peter Ford and the team who run a great programme of arts events. Give thanks that the concerts have been able to return to the church building and for a good start back during the 'Come and See' week. Pray ahead to the lunchtime concert with Robinswood Band (13th) and the Springs Dance Company (6th April).

### Single Mums

Pray for our ministry to single mums, as they too may find this time hard. Pray for the support group meeting this month (23rd) that mums and children will know they are precious to God. Pray especially for Antonia Easley as she leads the care for this group.

### Parenting Teens

Pray for our parenting teens course running on Wednesday evenings in March, for David & Emma Tingley and Mark & Sarah Neller as they lead it. Ask that the conversations about the challenges of parenting teens would enable people to open up about life and what they value.

## Day by Day

1 - Rom. 1:1-15	9 - Rom. 3:21-31	17 - Rom. 7:1-6	25 - Mark 9:42-50
2 - Rom. 1:16-23	10 - Rom. 4:1-12	18 - Rom. 7:7-12	26 - Mark 10:1-12
3 - Rom. 1:24-32	11 - Rom. 4:13-25	19 - Rom. 7:13-25	27 - Mark 10:13-16
4 - Rom. 2:1-11	12 - Rom. 5:1-11	20 - Rom. 8:1-11	28 - Mark 10:17-22
5 - Rom. 2:12-24	13 - Rom. 5:12-21	21 - Rom. 8:12-17	29 - Mark 10:23-31
6 - Rom. 2:25-29	14 - Rom. 6:1-8	22 - Rom. 8:18-25	30 - Mark 10:32-34
7 - Rom. 3:1-8	15 - Rom. 6:9-14	23 - Rom. 8:26-30	31 - Mark 10:35-45
8 - Rom. 3:9-20	16 - Rom. 6:15-23	24 - Rom. 8:31-39	

## Mission Focus

### Five Talents

Give thanks for the opportunity to focus on the work of Five Talents and their micro-finance initiatives in East Africa. Pray for Richard Jones coming to speak at our services (24th).

Give thanks for Richard & Elaine Browning who serve as rope holders, keeping us up to date with the work of Five Talents and informing our prayers.

### Caminul Felix

Give thanks for the 'Linfield Ladies' who ran in the Brighton Half Marathon. Give thanks for safety, successful completion and raising over £10,000 to support the work of Caminul Felix in building another family home.

Pray ahead to the two trips planned for September (14-28th). Pray for Phil Hale as he leads these teams and makes plans and preparations for the trip. Ask that there will be a good number of volunteers to take part in this house building project.

### Haven

Please pray for the work of Haven Pregnancy Counselling Centre in Burgess Hill, with whom a number of our congregation volunteer. Ask that God's love would be made clear through the practical support, care and counselling shown.

Pray especially for their schools work as they take citizenship lessons, helping students to think through the issues involved. Pray for Victoria Hersey and Kerry Hindhaugh as they help lead these sessions.

### Cuckfield Deanery

Pray for the local area of Church of England churches (Cuckfield Deanery) as we are soon to enter a time of reviewing the mission in the area and opportunities for the future. Pray that those locally and those with authority would be excited by the gospel and share a bold vision for churches to grow through its preaching.

Pray for those recently appointed to churches locally: Nicol Kinrade (West Hoathly), Keith Richards (Balcombe), Clive Ashley (Horsted Keynes) and Martin Jones (Ascension).

## Praying for those who are unwell

Colin Bensley

Betty Lloyd-Williams

Bill Nimmo

Beth Steel

Richard Clarke

Nick Marples

Peter Palles-Clark

Alan Tuddenham

Bill Filmer

Gerald Milton

Barbara Phillips

Keith Williams

Molly Halkier

Margo Munnion

Glynis Riddle

*...and others known to you*