

## TRINITY CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY, March, 2019

**Fri 1** *Psalm 55, 2Chron 14:2-end, John 20:11-18.* Today is St David's Day. Pray with thanks for the beautiful countryside of Wales, not that far away from us. Pray today for the ongoing Bible and Bingo sessions in the Meet Place. For Graeme and Cynthia Crump in their leadership, and for enjoyment and fellowship among those attending. Pray for all who work in the Church Office. For Carole, William, Helen, Jenny and Mel. For them to be affirmed in the important role they play as the 'frontline of the church'. May each know grace and peace.

**Sat 2** *Psalm 76, 2Chron 15:1-15, John 20:19-end.* Pray for all who seek to promote just and equitable trading practices, in this Fairtrade Fortnight. Give thanks and pray for the Cansdale family, as they continue to bless us. For Phil in his many roles and influences. May he continue to hold on to and witness Kingdom principles in his leadership. For Tracey as she heads up a primary school in Cressage. For Lottie, Hamish and Barney, each at different stages of their education, each loved by God and special in His eyes. Looking around the 10.45 congregation in particular, we give thanks for a number of babies born recently and soon-to-be-born ... pray for these families in the busyness and demands of these exciting, but exhausting months.

**Sun 3** Pray on this Sunday we would each encourage, affirm and bless those we meet in church today. Give thanks for the huge diversity of wildlife we enjoy on this World Wildlife Day, praying we would be faithful stewards of God's creation. On this Poverty Action Sunday, pray for all who fall below the poverty line in our own country. May our own blessings make us mindful of the shortfall of others. Pray we may be an inclusive church, welcoming to all. Pray for those gathering for the monthly Meet Place service today. Pray for the families of children being baptised this afternoon.

**Mon 4** *Psalm 80, Jer 1, John 3:1-21.* Pray with thanks for all who handle the finances in our church. For our treasurer, John Mowbray, Finance Officer, Jenny Jones and Gift Aid Secretary, Caroline Monro. Pray for the faithful team, counting collection monies, etc on a Monday. Pray for the finance team today as they undergo the audit of annual accounts, by the diocese. Pray for Rachel Woods and the Windfall team, giving thanks for the wonderful bounty of jams and chutneys they produce. Pray for the faithful team who support Trinity Tots and the pre-school group each week. Pray for the MBrace Community Choir, and their leader, Ellie Hughes, meeting in the Meet Place. For fun and fellowship. Pray for all who faithfully serve the church on PCC and DCC. For the important matters they will consider at tonight's meeting. Continue to lift the members of CTK as they meet for prayer tonight. Pray for members and leaders of the Causeway group meeting in church this evening.

**Tue 5** *Psalm 89:1-18, Jer 2:1-13, John 3:22-end.* Pray for those at today's Trinity Table. That it would be a place of refreshment and belonging for those attending. Give thanks for the work of TMAC - for the amazing ministry that reaches out to those most in need. Pray that the Coffee Morning in church would be an opportunity for important conversations.

**Wed 6** *Psalm 38, Dan 9:3-6;17-19, 1Tim 6:6-19.* As we begin the Lenten period with an Ash Wednesday service in church, may each of us find time apart with the Father - to 'be still and know that I am God'. Pray for Rita and her team, as they serve up 'tea and company' at this afternoon's Radbrook Community Tea. Pray that friendships will continue to thrive among this fellowship.

**Thu 7** *Psalm 77, Jer 2:14-32, John 4:1-26.* Pray for the 'table' that is Bacon Buddies - that more people will drop in for sustenance - both practical and emotional. Pray for

the pre-school First Steps groups as they meet on Radbrook. For the children and the parents and carers who bring them. For those who make the Thursday midweek service at Holy Trinity their place of belonging, pray that God would meet them in their needs. Pray for the children and families joining in with a Little Bit Messy, at Cafe Connect, and for those at Messy Church, at the Trinity Centre.

**Fri 8 Psalm 3, Jer 3:6-22, John 4:27-42.** Today is International Women's Day. Pray for women and children across the world, who still strive to be heard and valued. Pray for Little Buds toddler church, as they meet and learn of God's calling on their lives. Give thanks for the faithful 'Say one for Me' team. That more people would join in the continuing walk around the parish, and for prayers to be answered.

**Sat 9 Psalm 71, Jer 4:1-18, John 4:43-end.** May those offering Cafe Connect Prayer for Healing today, continue to see prayers offered and people's needs heard. Pray for the staff and pupils at Fiwila School in Zambia, supported for these last 10 or more years through the Shropshire Fiwila Partnership. Give thanks for the Pat Wedge bursary, and for the many children whose lives have been changed and enriched through this initiative.

**Sun 10** Pray for an increase in the number of people taking advantage and a part in the Big Sunday Lunch. Give thanks for the many expressions of hospitality enjoyed and shared across Trinity Churches. Pray for the Gompertz family. For Charlotte as she explores her next move in her ministry. For Adam and his particular expression of church, through the classic car community. For Molly and Noah and their particular needs in their continuing education. Pray for Phil Cansdale and other members of the advisory group working with Bishop Michael (Lichfield) on the appointment of the new Bishop of Shrewsbury .

**Mon 11 Psalm 11, Jer 4:19-end, John 5:1-18.** On this Commonwealth Day, let us rejoice in and accentuate the benefits that the Commonwealth has brought to the world. Pray for those attending the Dementia Cafe today at Cafe Connect. For all who minister to and care for those suffering with dementia. Give thanks for a really great church leadership away day recently, and for the groups of people who are continuing discussions and discerning from here. For wisdom and direction as they seek God's future vision for our church.

**Tue 12 Psalm 44, Jer 5:1-19, John 5:19-29.** Pray with thanks for all who take communion to people's homes and to our local nursing homes. Pray today as communion as taken to the Ferns. Remember the residents and staff in each of our Nursing/Residential homes across the parish. Pray for Judith Clarkson, as our children's worker and for the many teams she directs and coordinates, at church and in local primary schools. Please pray for Trish Allan and the small group, 'Going Deeper', which she oversees on the Meole Estate, thanking God for fellowship and answered prayer.

**Wed 13 Psalm 6, Jer 5:20-end, John 5:30-end.** Pray for the men in our church , particularly those whose frontline is their place of work, remembering today the Trinity Men's Prayer Breakfast, held before they go off to work. Pray for our Lay Readers, Steve Jones, Shirley Stevens, Martin Hall and Gareth Evans and the special part they play in the life of Trinity Churches. Pray that others may follow them into this valuable ministry.

**Thu 14 Psalm 42, Jer 6:9-21, John 6:1-15.** Pray for all that goes on in the Trinity Centre, for its staff and all who contribute to this ongoing gift to the local community. Think of one thing you know happens there and pray that God's fragrance would be the trace that is carried out from there. Pray for the work of the Street Pastors, for Steve

Jones in his oversight of this valuable initiative, particularly praying for financial affirming into the future.

**Fri 15 Psalm 22, Jer 6:22-end, John 6:16-27.** Pray for the valuable part that each of the Silcock family bring to the life of Trinity Churches. For Craig to be equipped and directed in his vital work with Youth and Young Adults. That this would be a fruitful harvest field. For both Emily and Craig in their raising of twin daughters Hannah and Bethany. For all that Emily does quietly behind the scenes.

**Sat 16 Psalm 63, Jer 7:1-20, John 6:27-40.** Please continue to pray for all that happens in the Meet Place on the Meole Estate. For those church members who live on the estate and for those who support different activities. Pray for the work of the Meole Estate Community Action group as they seek to engage and mobilise those on the estate. Pray for matters discussed at Diocesan synod meeting at the Trinity Centre today.

**Sun 17** On this St Patrick's Day, pray wisdom for our government, as we move toward the Brexit deadline at the end of this month. Pray for the children and leaders, attending today's Messy Church at the Meet Place. Pray for Keith and Amal, our Pioneer Ministers, as they continue to settle into their roles across Trinity Churches. May they know God's wisdom and guiding, in the balancing of the many demands on their time.

**Mon 18 Psalm 32, Jer 7:21-end, John 6:41-51.** Pray for the ministry of Cafe Connect. For the recent developments in the Cafe itself, and for the conversations taking place in the background with the Coop and over its refurbishment. Pray for managers Lissi and Dave, and for the many faithful volunteers who serve in the cafe each day. Pray for the many Youth Life Groups, meeting through the week, that they may help and encourage one another in the special challenges they face, with school and peer groups.

**Tue 19 Psalms 25;147:1-12, Isa 11:1-10, Matt 13:54-end.** Pray for our Mission partners abroad and in the UK. For M&H in Africa. For health and safety for their family. For Jon and Elise, together with Sam and Eliot, as they live out Christian witness in their slum community in Bangkok. Pray for all those who live on the streets of our town and for those who serve them, through the work of the Shrewsbury Ark and other agencies.

**Wed 20 Psalm 35, Jer 8:18-9:11, John 6:60-end.** Remember with thanks the work of our non-stipendiary clergy, as we pray for Valerie Pitt and Charles Ruxton. Thank God for all they do, seen and unseen. Pray for Charles in his wider diocesan role and his 'day job'.

**Thu 21 Psalm 34, Jer 9:12-24, John 7:1-13.** On this International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination, pray for tolerance and the abandonment of all kinds of prejudice in our town and our nation. For Jesus' command that we love one another to be a byword in all we say and do. Pray for all, resident or working, in our nursing homes of Maesbrook, Radbrook and the Ferns.

**Fri 22 Psalm 41, Jer 10:1-16, John 7:14-24.** Thank God we have water and the consequences of that, 'on tap' in western society. On this World Day for Water, pray that today's activities will raise greater awareness about refugees living in overcrowded, insanitary conditions and in urgent need of accessible clean water. Pray for organisations that are prioritising this problem to continue to make progress. Pray for Judith Clarkson and her team, introducing schoolchildren to an Easter experience today.

**Sat 23 Psalm 25, Jer 10:17-24, John 7:25-36.** Remember all who are unable to meet as church, without fear of persecution. Pray for the work of Open Doors, Christian Solidarity Worldwide and all organisations seeking to support and encourage them, that

they are not forgotten. Pray for today's event within our church fellowship, marking the faithfulness of the persecuted church.

**Sun 24** Remember other churches in our town, particularly those seeking new leaders. For good finishing for those leaving and wisdom in seeking their replacements. Pray for the work of our pre-school worker, Carol Booles, in her other roles within Trinity Churches. Pray for Shirley Stevens, as she faithfully serves us as our verger. Pray for all who lead or host our many small groups and especially Dave Latcham as he seeks to coordinate and support them.

**Mon 25 Psalms 111;113, 1Sam 2:1-10, Rom 5:12-end.** Pray for our local schools. For secondary schools at Meole Brace and Priory, and for Radbrook and Meole Primary schools. Continue to pray for Henry Bray as Head Teacher at Meole Primary, and all those who work on the staff team. Particular prayers for Judith Clarkson in her role as chaplain, supporting and developing Christian distinctiveness throughout all areas of the life of the school.

**Tue 26 Psalm 9, Jer 11:18-12:6, John 7:53-8:11.** Give thanks for the place of the Hospice movement, praying particularly for the Severn hospice, its residents and staff. Pray for those responsible for our church fabric and grounds. For church wardens, Judith Drury, Erica Staples and Mike Haddaway. For Tim Creyke and his care of our church gardens and for Mike Hinton, in all he does toward the maintenance of maintenance!

**Wed 27 Psalm 38, Jer 13:1-11, John 8:12-30.** Give thanks and pray for all who lead worship across the various services in Trinity Churches. For today's Worship leaders evening . May each one be encouraged and affirmed in this important aspect of our life together. Pray for all who have gone out from Trinity Churches and now serve as curates. For Ana Lawrence, Fi Iddon and Hannah Lins. For William Small and Steve Alston in their continuing ordinand training.

**Thu 28 Psalm 56, Jer 14, John 8:31-47.** Pray for today's 'Songs for you' in the Trinity Centre, for those suffering with dementia. Pray for Neville Willerton and his direction of the many projects of Fresh Expressions with Church Army. Give thanks for continued discussions with the Town Council and HousingPlus over the development of The Meet Place, and pray for continued goodwill.

**Fri 29 Psalm 22, Jer 15:10-end, John 8:48-end.** BREXIT DAY: Sovereign God, we entrust the future of our nation and our neighbours in mainland Europe into Your hands. You know what the future holds, so we pray for Your mercy and grace at this time of uncertainty. Please grant peace and stability to governments and communities. Pray for ladies of the Flower Group who will be holding their AGM today and making Mothers' Day posies for Sunday. Pray for tonight's Youth sleepover in the Trinity Centre.

**Sat 30 Psalm 31, Jer 16:10-17:4, John 9:1-17.** Pray for today's Quiet Day in church. Pray for the work of the Bible Society. For guidance so that, in fast-moving times, Bible Society can respond to new challenges and opportunities in whatever way Christ is calling them to. For the protection of Bible Society staff around the world. Many work in difficult and even oppressive situations. Pray for their encouragement.

**Sun 31 MOTHERING SUNDAY:** Thank You, Lord, for the unique role of mothers – nourishing and nurturing their families, and along with fathers, teaching and guiding children to grow into loving, responsible and fulfilled adults. Please help those needing strength and encouragement today.