

starting today; that they would lift their eyes to the maker of heaven and earth (*Ps 121*) as they spend time together in the mountains and that the men's ministry would be reinvigorated.

Sat, 17th March Pray for Russia as the Russian Presidential election takes place tomorrow. Pray for Vladimir Putin to seek peace and justice in all he does, and to see treasure in heaven not power and wealth in this.

Sun, 18th March 'Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment.' (*Matt 22:37-38*) Pray that God would help you to always put Him first, to love Him above all else and others and that where you know this is not the case, come before him in repentance.

Over 200 million Christians around the world are persecuted because of their faith. The next 6 days focus on prayer for the countries at the top of the World Watch List. "Our prayers can go where we cannot...there are no borders, no prison walls, no doors that are closed to us when we pray (Brother Andrew)

Mon, 19th March North Korea: That God would comfort and strengthen His followers, that he would speak to Kim Jong-un, giving him a revelation of Jesus and that he would give protection for the believers inside the country.

Tues, 20th March Afghanistan: For God to strengthen and encourage His followers so that they remain faithful, despite pressure from family and friends; for stability and peace in the country, and an openness to religions other than Islam.

Wed, 21st March Somalia: For Jesus' followers who cannot meet openly; pray for protection as they meet in secret groups. Give thanks that many Muslims are seeking God; pray that many more will come to Christ.

Thurs, 22nd March Sudan: That God will provide opportunities for His followers to meet safely and be encouraged to persevere; ask God to equip church leaders to stand strong when under pressure from Islamic extremists.

Fri, 23rd March Pakistan: Ask God to protect Christian women and girls at risk of abduction, rape, forced marriage and forced conversion to Islam; that Pakistan's laws will protect Christians from the strategies of radical Islamic groups.

Sat, 24th March Eritrea: Pray for Christians incarcerated in horrific conditions, that God's gracious strength will enable them to reflect Jesus to their captors; pray for a change of heart for the president - that he may find true life

in Christ.

Sun, 25th March As we look this week to Christ's passion and ultimate crucifixion, reflect on what you are willing to sacrifice in order to follow God's call on your life. Praise Him for his faithfulness to you and desire to equip you for every good work.

Mon, 26th March Pray for Jews celebrating Passover later this week.

Tues, 27th March Pray for our current young generation (children and teenagers), that they would receive a strong Christian foundation both at church and at home; for our young adults away at university, that despite many worldly pressures on them to deviate from God's straight path, that He would keep their faith true and strong.

Wed, 28th March How am I responding to my unique calling? Take a while to think on this question and go to God in prayer with your answer.

Thurs, 29th March Maundy Thursday - as we come together this evening let us remember the example of Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Ask God for strength, boldness and opportunities to be the hands of Christ in the world.

Fri, 30th March Good Friday - Give thanks for the work done on the cross, where those who believe in Jesus have crossed over from death to life.

Sat, 31st March "Come let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker." (*Ps 95:6*) Meditate and pray on this verse.

Sun, 1st April Easter Sunday - Jesus is risen, alive and through the person of the Holy Spirit, actively at work in the lives of the saints. Let us celebrate life through Jesus, praising and thanking God for his offer of salvation to all who believe now and will do so in the future.

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Lent Prayer Diary 2018

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thess 5: 16-18

Wed, 14th Feb O Lord, who has mercy upon all, take away from me my sins, and mercifully kindle in me the fire of your Holy Spirit. Take away from me the heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh, a heart to love and adore you, a heart to delight in you, to follow and enjoy you, for Christ's sake, Amen (*St Ambrose of Milan*)

Thurs, 15th Feb Pray for Simon and Ann, Nathan and Jen; for protection in their families and complete renewal of health; for powerful preaching of the Word; that we would be a community which supports and encourages them.

Fri, 16th Feb Pray for the Maldives, where President Yameen rules with fear and political violence takes place with impunity for the perpetrators. Pray for repentance in the hearts of the President and his ruling clique. Pray that God would break through the darkness and turn what many wrongly assume to be paradise on earth to become a place where God's eternal paradise can be proclaimed and many souls led to salvation.

Sat, 17th Feb Pray for the ministries within the church: that each member would find his/her place and to use their God given gifts to build up his body, the church.

Sun, 18th Feb "Even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning." Rend your heart and not your garments. Return



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to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.” *(Joel 2: 12-13)* Meditate on these verses, and ask God to show you anything you need to bring to him in confession, knowing that he will forgive and restore.

Mon, 19th Feb Give thanks for the two Wardens, Gavin MacPherson and Ian Dalton; pray for their protection, their closeness with God and his blessing of wisdom upon them as they continue to support Simon, Nathan and St Paul’s as a whole.

Tues, 20th Feb God’s word reminds us that no temptation overtakes us except what is common to mankind; that He is faithful and that he will not let us be tempted beyond what we can bear. Ask for God’s help with any temptations you are currently facing and give Him thanks for His promise that he will provide a way out.

Wed, 21st Feb Pray for strong Christian marriages and families, that they would shine as lights in the night.

Thurs, 22nd Feb As churches throughout Brussels take the good news of Jesus out onto the streets of Brussels this coming week, pray for receptive hearts and minds, that the seed sown would fall on fertile soil where it produces a crop - a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.

Fri, 23rd Feb Pray for God’s wisdom to guide discussions at the meeting of leaders of EU27, preparing European elections post-Brexit. Pray that our leaders would act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with our God *(Micah 6:8)*, and seek to serve, and not lord it over others.

Sat, 24th Feb As Messy Church meets this afternoon, pray that the leaders of this event would be given inspiration and energy to create a fun space for children and adults alike to learn more about Jesus and grow closer in their relationship to Him.

Sun, 25th Feb As we meet as God’s people today, let us pray that we would live our lives dressed with the clothes of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, that we would bear with each other, forgive one another and love unconditionally. *(Col 3:12)*

Mon, 26th Feb “Come to me all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” *(Matt 11:28)* Pray for healing and comfort for those in our community and those that we know who are unwell in body, mind or spirit; that the Lord would show his mercy, sustain and restore *(Ps 41:3)*

Tues, 27th Feb Give thanks for the many children and their carers who come to Fun Tots each week; give thanks for Jen Gregory and her team of helpers, who create a fun-packed and creative way to learn about Jesus.

Wed, 28th Feb It is on a noble task that Simon and Nathan have set their hearts; please pray for wisdom, inspiration and the boldness to lead our church according to God’s will. Ask that God would provide Simon, Nathan, Ann and Jen, with strong Christian friends who will come alongside them as they continue to serve at St Paul’s; pray that God would give them spiritual protection against the enemy who seeks to destroy if given the opportunity.

Thurs, 1st March Praise God for his continued provision of finances through the generous contributions of church members; pray that the audit would go smoothly this evening.

Fri, 2nd March Please pray for our Mission Interest Group as it continues to liaise with the organisations we support financially and in prayer, that all their decisions would be glorifying to God.

Sat, 3rd March As important parliamentary elections take place in Italy tomorrow as well as SPD members’ votes on the coalition agreement in Germany, we remember that God holds the future of our Continent and the whole world in His hands. Pray for godly leadership, humility, integrity and honesty to prevail in all these processes; that God’s kingdom will be built here.

Sun, 4th March ‘Some people think God does not like to be troubled with our constant coming and asking. The way to trouble God is not to come at all.’ *(DL Moody)* Pray that St Paul’s would become a church of prayer, that we would know the value of it in our daily lives and that we would not trouble God by the absence of it.

Mon, 5th March Give thanks for Alison Copner and the other children’s leaders, for their commitment to teaching our children each Sunday; pray that they would receive refreshment over the Easter holiday period and that God would raise up many more leaders to help in this ministry.

Tues, 6th March Please pray for Bishop Robert and the leadership of the worldwide Christian Church, that they would be wise to the authority and truth of scripture and that every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace would be sought.

Wed, 7th March Give thanks for all Home Groups, for the fellowship we find in being a part of one. Pray that

more in our church would find friendship, support and teaching in this way.

Thurs, 8th March According to IJM figures, there are 29.8m slaves in the world today, more than at any other time in human history. Please pray for an end to the global commercial sex trade, that law enforcement agencies would be educated in justice rather than continuing in the abuse of it, that innocent men and women who are arrested on false charges would be set free. Please pray for the work of organisations such as IJM and Oasis Belgium, that God would bring comfort to those who mourn and raise up intercessors of faith and courage who would steadfastly bring their petitions to God who longs to wipe away every tear.

Fri, 9th March As Sam and Sara Hargreaves come this weekend, pray that God would continue the work of transforming us into Christ’s likeness so we would offer our whole lives as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God. *(Rom 12:1-2)*

Sat, 10th March Pray for the many Muslims in our country; that many will find Jesus and for the formation of strong, healthy church communities for them.

Sun, 11th March ‘I believe that in public worship we should do well to be bound by no human rules, and constrained by no stereotyped order.’ *(Charles Spurgeon)* In King David’s devotion and worship of God he danced with all his might while he and all Israel brought the ark of the Lord to Jerusalem. Let us pray, that we too would be able to give unrestrained and extravagant worship to God in response to the love he has lavished upon us.

Mon, 12th March Please pray for the safeguarding of children at St Paul’s; that Gavin in his role as Safeguarding Officer and Ann Tyndall working within the Diocese to provide realistic and attainable procedures, that would be given wisdom and perseverance as they continue this very important work.

Tues, 13th March Give thanks for all St Paul’s many volunteers who tirelessly give their time, talents and energy to the work of the body of Christ.

Wed, 14th March Pray for the Belgian Royal family; for strong role models and moral authority.

Thurs, 15th March Pray for Council that meets this evening, that all decisions would be God-inspired and glorifying to Him.

Fri, 16th March Give thanks for the Men’s weekend