



# Uxbridge Parish

Prayer Diary – April 2020



<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	During this month we continue to ask for your <b>wisdom and guidance for the Government</b> of this country and all countries who are working to curtail the spread of Coronavirus around the world. We ask that people obey the restrictions put in place to help stop the spread of this pandemic.
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Lord Jesus, who healed the sick and gave them new life, be with <b>doctors, nurses and carers</b> , as they act as agents of your healing touch. In these desperate times, keep them strong yet loving; and when their work is done, be with them in their weariness and in their tears. Amen.
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Today we ask for your <b>healing</b> for all those suffering with Coronavirus. Be with them in their struggles and grant them and their families comfort during these difficult times.
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	As we are all required to stay at home, we pray today for those who are <b>victims of domestic abuse</b> whose homes are not always a safe place. May they find comfort in these difficult times and continue to be able to access emergency services if needed.
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday</b>	Dear God, we remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on <b>Palm Sunday</b> . May we continue to witness to others our love for you in our daily lives, even in these difficult times.

<p><b>6<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p>Heavenly Father help us to draw closer to you as we reflect on the events of <b>Holy Week</b> and to grasp the depth of your love for us shown in the events we remember during this week. As we do so, we pray for Christians throughout the world who are persecuted because of their faith in the Lord Jesus.</p>
<p><b>7<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p>Father, we pray for the <b>young people and children</b> in our parish and in Hillingdon. We pray for the youth workers and children's group leaders as they seek to find new online ways to keep The Vibe, Re:Youth, Messy Church and other groups running during this time.</p>
<p><b>8<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p>We pray today for all those who usually attend groups at the church such as <b>Footprints, lunch for the 9am congregation at St Margaret's, Rise N'Shine, Praymates</b> and <b>Little People's Oasis</b>. We recognise how many rely on the fellowship and friendship they find at meetings to support them in their daily lives and ask that you are with them at this time as the opportunity to meet up is suspended. May they find other ways to keep their mutual support going.</p>
<p><b>9<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday</b></p>	<p>Father speak into our hearts this <b>Maundy Thursday</b> as we remember the actions of your Son Jesus at the Last Supper. In great humility he knelt and washed the disciples' feet. He took the bread and wine and gave you thanks and shared it among them. Help us to deepen our awareness of all that these actions signify to us as we desire to live as witnesses to your amazing act of love and reconciliation.</p>
<p><b>10<sup>th</sup> Good Friday</b></p>	<p>Pray today for Christians across the world who would usually take part today in a <b>Good Friday Walk of Witness</b>. May the name of Jesus be lifted high and glorified on the lips of your people and may they find alternative ways to be a positive witness in the midst of all we face.</p>

<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	Righteous Father may we keep our own <b>Easter Vigil</b> and watch and pray at this moving time.
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Easter Day</b>	<b>Jesus Christ is Risen Today!</b> Thank you for the joy of Jesus' resurrection. Be with us at this Easter time as we celebrate his victory over death and the new life and hope he brings.
<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	Today we pray for all who are <b>anxious or suffering from stress or depression</b> , particularly as these co <b>Jesus Christ is Risen Today!</b> Thank you for the joy of Jesus' resurrection. Be with us at this Easter time as we celebrate his victory over death and the new life and hope he brings. Conditions are likely to be worsened by current events. Be with all people struggling with poor mental health and help them to find ways to cope with their condition.
<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	We give thanks today for all <b>those who work in the production and supply of food and other essentials</b> across our country – for farmers, for those who work to harvest food, for those who package and deliver food to our stores, for those who stack shelves and serve customers. We are grateful for all these people are doing to keep us provided with essentials.
<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	We are grateful today for <b>key workers</b> working to keep our country functioning, especially those who put their own health at risk by continuing to provide vital services for others.
<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	We pray today for the <b>Food Bank</b> , particularly the Hillingdon Food Bank. We pray that donations will continue and we give thanks for the volunteers who are continuing to serve local people. We pray that those in need will be provided with essentials for themselves and their families so that no-one needs to go hungry.

<p><b>17<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p>Dear God, we thank you for the amazing team of <b>volunteers</b> who are working across our country, especially those who are working behind the scenes and are unlikely to receive recognition for the many jobs they are carrying out on our behalf.</p>
<p><b>18<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p>We pray for the <b>Church of England</b>. Grant its leaders wisdom to lead the church and enable it to be a source of light in this time of darkness.</p> <p>We pray for our own <b>clergy</b>, for Andrew, June, Tina, John and Tim as they continue to adapt to these changing times and lead our services and worship in a different way. We give thanks to others in our church family who are able to use their skills and knowledge to publish our worship and other resources online which enable us to stay connected, including <b>Christian, James, Rod, Lee and Rob</b>.</p>
<p><b>19<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p>We thank you for the gift of <b>technology</b> and for the skills and knowledge of those developing new ways for everyone to be kept informed and enabling us to keep in touch with each other.</p>
<p><b>20<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p>We pray for all those who are <b>working from home</b> as they adapt to new circumstances.</p>
<p><b>21<sup>st</sup></b></p>	<p>We ask your blessing on all those working in <b>TV, broadcasting and entertainment</b> who are helping provide a semblance of normality and a way for people to feel less isolated.</p>
<p><b>22<sup>nd</sup></b></p>	<p>We pray for all <b>students</b>, particularly those facing uncertainty about their next steps given the closure of schools and universities and we ask for guidance for those making decisions on how qualifications will be awarded during this time. We pray for all who will miss out on education over the next few months.</p>

<p><b>23<sup>rd</sup></b></p>	<p>We lift to you all those who would usually find comfort and support by coming to St Margaret's <b>Coffee Shop</b> and we also pray for all those who are lonely and who lack a support network to help them. We pray you will enable them to access alternative sources of help at this time.</p>
<p><b>24<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p>We give thanks for <b>Nicky</b> as she maintains contact with members of our congregations and vulnerable people across the parish to provide support and pastoral care.</p>
<p><b>25<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p>We pray for all those who are <b>providing care for relatives and loved ones</b>, especially those who are also juggling other duties.</p>
<p><b>26<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p>We pray for all those who are suffering from conditions and illnesses that require <b>ongoing treatment</b>. We pray that they are protected from Coronavirus which could prove so dangerous for their health and also that they continue to receive the help and treatment they need whilst so may NHS resources are diverted to dealing with the pandemic.</p>
<p><b>27<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p>We pray for all those <b>under financial pressure</b> – those in fear of losing their jobs, those who struggle to make ends meet usually who will suffer from reduced income and those running businesses or who are self-employed who are worried about being able to continue to operate. Help them to access support which will help them deal with these worries.</p>
<p><b>28<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p>We ask your blessing on all those who work in our <b>emergency services</b> today.</p>

<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	Dear God, <b>we pray for ourselves</b> today. We are all having to cope with a new reality which brings many false rumours and uncertainty, as well as having to find different ways to stay connected to our families, our friends and our community. We ask that you fortify us during this unprecedented time and enable us to do what is required of us to stop this virus spreading and allow us to get back to our normal lives as soon as possible. Help us to use this as a time of reflection on what is truly important in our lives so that positive things may come out of this for all of us.
<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	Father God, you encourage us to pray for all people, I especially pray for..... <i>Please take some time for those who have asked for our prayers and are listed at the back of this diary.</i>

**During April we ask for prayers for:**

**St Andrew's:** Madeleine Wheeler, Aleister Monk.

**St Margaret's:** Lee Morgan and Margaret Stokes.

**We remember in faith and love** those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur this month, including: Thomas Cottrell, Jeanette Newman, Freddie Fidler, John Page, June Riches, Mei Lein Walker, Vernon Guest, Dennis Cornish, Fr John Wall, Richard Goodwins, Margaret Newton, Bob Lord, Victor Newman, Patrick Cacy, Bob Harper, Geoffrey Keith Egleton, Margaret Black, Peggy Collingwood, John Coles, Bill Badman, Stafford Luck, Grace Austen, Wally Ashby, Rupert Daley, Peter Pratt, Vi Norris, Rosina Townend, Charlie Loosley, Vera Littlejohn, Margaret Hunter and Ashley Blake.

