

St Mary Greenhithe

Prayer meeting dates:

Wednesday 10th December in the Prayer Room at the Rectory 8.30.

Wednesday 14th January in the Prayer Room at the Rectory 8.30.

Wednesday 28th January in the Prayer Room at the Rectory 8.30.

Wednesday 11th February in the Prayer Room at the Rectory 8.30.

Wednesday 25th February in the Prayer Room at the Rectory 8.30.

Wednesday 11th March in the Prayer Room at the Rectory 8.30.

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Please feel free to attend as many or as little meetings as you can, we love to welcome new members.



December Prayer Diary 2014

During December remember in your prayers all those who will be taking home the travelling nativity. Pray that God will truly speak into their hearts and draw near to them.

16 days of Activism against gender violence continues with prayers taken from the Mothers Union activism pack and appear in italics *

Monday 1st December

Luke 1:26-28 (GNT)

The Birth of Jesus Is Announced

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy God sent the angel Gabriel to a town in Galilee named Nazareth. ²⁷ He had a message for a young woman promised in marriage to a man named Joseph, who was a descendant of King David. Her name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel came to her and said, "Peace be with you! The Lord is with you and has greatly blessed you!"

Today marks World AIDS Day.

**Eternal God, break the patterns of abuse perpetrated from one generation to another and instil positive attitudes and behaviour in current relationships.*

Praise God for the huge success of the Christmas Fayre. Thank God for answering our prayers for that day. (The following prayer is what we asked for on 22/11/14.) *Thank God for our Christmas Fayre in church and the hall. Ask him to bring many to the event to meet with Him. Pray that we as the church will demonstrate good hospitality and be welcoming to all.*

Pray God's protection over the Guides as they meet this evening. Thank Him for providing a safe place for them to meet.

Pray for the residents of St Clements Road.

Pray for the community of Huggens College, Northfleet. *Ted and Liz Goodyear*

Tuesday 2nd December

Matthew 1:18 (GNT)

The Birth of Jesus Christ

¹⁸ This was how the birth of Jesus Christ took place. His mother Mary was engaged to Joseph, but before they were married, she found out that she was going to have a baby by the Holy Spirit.

**Lord Jesus, be with those who work to support survivors of gender-based violence. May they be given the resources they need, of time, money and information.*

Pray for Carol at college today. Thank God for her commitment and ask Him to direct her footsteps in His way.

Praise God for the Sticky Fingers group. Pray that the families represented there will find a deep sense of His divine presence this Christmas and will recognise their need for Him.

Pray for the Depression Alliance group's card crafting evening in the hall tonight.

Praise God for the Small Group Meetings at the Gale's and Ikediashi's.

Ask God to empty them of anything that prevents them from hearing His word and understanding His message.

Pray for the residents of Barge Court.

Pray for the community of All Saints, Perry Street.

Wednesday 3rd December

Luke 1:46-55 (NLT)

The Magnificat: Mary's Song of Praise

⁴⁶ Mary responded,

"Oh, how my soul praises the Lord.

⁴⁷ How my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour!

**⁴⁸ For he took notice of his lowly servant girl,
and from now on all generations will call me blessed.**

**⁴⁹ For the Mighty One is holy,
and he has done great things for me.**

⁵⁰ He shows mercy from generation to generation

to all who fear him.

⁵¹ **His mighty arm has done tremendous things!**

He has scattered the proud and haughty ones.

⁵² **He has brought down princes from their thrones
and exalted the humble.**

⁵³ **He has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away with empty hands.**

⁵⁴ **He has helped his servant Israel
and remembered to be merciful.**

⁵⁵ **For he made this promise to our ancestors,
to Abraham and his children forever.”**

**Lord God, we ask you to guide police and law enforcement to help
victims of gender-based violence and deal righteously with perpetrators.*

Pray for Ken as he visits at Rosewood today. Pray God’s protection over
him and the ministry he has.

Praise God for The Place Community Cafe and ask Him to meet and
bless those who are seeking out His presence.

Pray God’s protection over the Brownies as they meet this evening.

Give thanks for Jude their leader.

Pray for the residents of Portland Place.

Pray for the community of Holy Family, Gravesend. *Richard and Gill
Martin*

Thursday 4th December

Matthew 1:20 (NLT)

²⁰ **As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a
dream. “Joseph, son of David,” the angel said, “do not be afraid to
take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the
Holy Spirit.**

**King of Kings, direct our governments in dealing with gender-based
violence. Give them wisdom as they make policy and law.*

Praise God for the many gifts that SMG have received from members of
the public such as sound equipment, a new fence and Christmas tree
lighting.

Thank God for the Small Group Meeting lead by Mandy, ask Him to
speak to them deep within their souls and lead their footsteps as they
continue to grow in the Holy Spirit.

Pray for the residents of Palladian Circus.

Pray for the community of St Margaret, Ifield. *Richard and Gill Martin,
Carey Laughland, David and Glenys Scott*

Friday 5th December

Matthew 1:21 (NIV)

²¹ **She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus,
because he will save his people from their sins.”**

**Righteous God, lead those who administer justice for victims and
survivors of gender-based violence to make decisions with integrity and
compassion.*

Pray for the Baby & Me group and ask God to bless each family
represented. May He draw them close this Christmas and be the centre
of all celebrations.

Pray for the residents of Park Cliff Road.

Pray for the community of St Botolph, Northfleet. *Lawrence Smith and
Chris Routledge*

Saturday 6th December

Matthew 1:22-23 (NIV)

²² **All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had said through the
prophet: ²³ “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they
will call him Immanuel!” (which means “God with us”).**

Today marks the Anniversary of the Montreal Massacre. On this day in
1989 a 25 year old gunman walked into Montreal’s Ecole Polytechnique
and killed 14 women. He separated the men from the women and
opening fire he screamed “I hate feminists” This was a defining moment

in history as it turned mourning into outrage against all violence against women.

**Creator God, awaken us to gender-based violence within your church and empower us to take action against it. Forgive us for ignorance.*

Pray for all who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Pray that God will comfort them and give them peace. Remember Alex and Deborah as they mourn the loss of Alex's mother and uncle, may they know your presence and feel your loving arms around them.

Pray for Who Let The Dads Out? this morning. Praise God for the group and ask Him to bless all attending, may they know a deepening sense of His holy presence in the group and on a personal level.

Pray for the residents of Empire Walk.

Pray for the community of St George, Gravesend. *Chris and Carol Stone, Lorraine Lawrence*

Sunday 7th December

Isaiah 7:14 (KJV)

¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

**Compassionate God, bring to light deeds of abuse hidden in darkness, that victims may find safety and refuge, free from fear.*

Pray for all those who attend the lights of love service at the Lions hospice this afternoon.

Pray for the church service today. Ask God to protect His people from the evil forces of the Devil and his works. Ask God to bless Andrew, the Readers, the Music Group, the Technicians, the Sides Persons, the Prayers and all involved with today's service's so that The Holy Spirit may reign in all truth and holiness.

Pray for those supporting the Ingress Park Christmas tree lighting this evening. Ask God to draw close to all who attend, so they may all feel His presence and know His perfect peace this Christmas time.

Pray for the residents of Duncannon Place.

Pray for the community of Christ Church, Milton. *Sue and Jeremy Brewer, Jacqueline Littlewood and Jo Drew*

Monday 8th December

Luke 2:4 (NIV)

⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.

** Merciful God, bless those working with perpetrators of gender-based violence. May they help create lasting transformation of lives.*

Pray for the PCC as they meet this evening. Ask God to speak deep within their heart, mind and spirit so that His perfect way will lead them in His will for His church.

Pray that the Guides will know God's presence as they meet this evening, ask Him to lead them as they journey through life.

Ask God that more people will be moved to pray for the church and community by attending prayer meetings. Pray for the meeting this coming Wednesday and ask Him to raise up new pray-ers.

Pray for the residents of Vaughn Avenue.

Pray for the community of St Mary, Chalk. *Nigel & Sue Bourne, Chris and Anna Kilgour*

Tuesday 9th December

Luke 2:5 (NIV)

⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

**Holy Lord, thank you that many women and girls are free from abuse and violence. Thank you for your healing power over survivors.*

Pray God's protection over Carol as she travels to and from college today.

Thank God for all who help run Sticky Fingers, naming as many as you can. Ask God to strengthen them as they continue to witness in the community.

Thank God for tonight's Small Group Meetings. Ask Him to speak deep within the souls and lead the footsteps of those attending as they continue to grow in the Holy Spirit.

Pray for the residents of Clovelly Place.

Pray for the community of St Mary, Wrotham Road. *Churchwardens and PCC (In Interregnum)*

Wednesday 10th December

Micah 5:2 (NLT)

A Ruler from Bethlehem

² But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,

are only a small village among all the people of Judah.

Yet a ruler of Israel,

whose origins are in the distant past,

will come from you on my behalf.

Today marks INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY.

**Loving Lord, you have called us to love our neighbour as ourselves.*

Help us to treat all with dignity and respect as we follow the example of Christ.

Please remember in prayer Deborah Jamieson and many like her who are involved in the vital work to end domestic violence. Give thanks and pray for the EDV youth council. (To find out more see www.gfedv.org)

Ask God to meet with those using The Place Community Cafe today.

Pray He will bring those who are lonely along and that they will find many new friends through Him.

Pray for Ken visiting Rosewood today. Pray for those who come to the cafe so they may know of God's love for them.

Pray for the Brownies this evening. Thank God for them and pray His blessings over them.

Thank God for the privilege of prayer and pray for those meeting in prayer tonight. Ask for God's Holy Spirit to fall upon those meeting.

Pray for the residents of Lovers Lane.

Pray for the community of St Peter & St Paul, Swanscombe. *Mark and Barbara Hurley*

Thursday 11th December

Luke 2:6-7 (NKJV)

⁶ So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. ⁷ And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Pray for the work of North Kent women's aid, who will be soon changing their name to CHOICES. This is to recognise the work they do with women, men and young people. Pray for those who currently live Pelham Road hostel in Gravesend. Pray for those who work there and help to support those affected by domestic violence.

Pray for the Depression Alliance group and their Christmas party this evening.

Pray that God's presence will be known at the Small Group Meeting lead by Mandy this evening.

Pray for the residents of Reed Court.

Pray for the community of St Mary, Greenhithe. *Andrew and Carol Avery, and Sister Penny*

Friday 12th December

Isaiah 9:6 (NKJV)

⁶ For unto us a Child is born,

Unto us a Son is given;

And the government will be upon His shoulder.

And His name will be called

Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Pray for the music group as they rehearse this evening. Ask God to lead them in worship.

Ask God to bless those at Baby & Me today and that he will work in the lives of all that attend.

Pray for the residents of Knockhall Road.

Pray for the community of The Salvation Army, Dartford. *Graeme and Zoe Smith*

Saturday 13th December

Luke 2:8-11 (MEV)

The Shepherds and the Angels

⁸ And in the same area there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And then an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were very afraid. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Listen! Do not fear. For I bring you good news of great joy, which will be to all people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.

Ask for God's Holy Spirit to fall upon those at Who Let the Dads Out? today.

Thank God for Yo Yo and 2 Extreme youth groups. Ask Him to be at the centre of the Christmas party being held this evening and to bless the young people as they continue to explore their faith.

Pray for the residents of Ingress Gardens.

Pray for the community of St Peter & St Paul, Milton. *Graham and Linda Herbert*

Sunday 14th December

Luke 2:12 (MEV)

¹² And this will be a sign to you: You will find the Baby wrapped in strips of cloth, lying in a manger."

Pray for church services today. Ask God to protect His people from the evil forces of the Devil and his works. Ask God to bless Andrew, the Readers, Music Group, Technicians, Sides Persons, Pray-ers and all

involved with today's service's so that The Holy Spirit may reign in all truth and holiness.

Pray for the staff and residents at the Blossoms nursing home.

Pray for the residents of Wakefield Road.

Pray for the community of St Peter & St Paul, Shorne. *Glyn and Philippa Ackerley*

Monday 15th December

Luke 2:13-14 (KJV)

¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

¹⁴ Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Praise God for Naomi and for all of the work she does in the office. Pray for her and her family and ask that God will grant them peace and happiness this Christmas time.

Ask God to provide a fit for purpose new cooker for the hall kitchen.

Pray for the Guides and ask God to protect them from materialism and the way of the world this Christmas.

Pray for the residents of Alexander Road.

Pray for the community of The Salvation Army, Gravesend. *Pat and Kate Carton*

Tuesday 16th December

Luke 2:15-18 (NLT)

¹⁵ When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

¹⁶ They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger. ¹⁷ After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. ¹⁸ All who heard the shepherds' story were astonished,

Pray for Carol at college today. Ask God to keep her, Andrew and Penny free from attacks of the devil.

Ask God to plant seeds of hope into the hearts of those who use the Sticky Fingers toddler group.

Ask God to send His Holy Spirit upon those at the Small Group Meetings this evening and that He will fill them with His spirit until they overflow in His amazing grace!

Pray for the residents of Abbey Road.

Pray for the community of Gravesend Methodist Church. *Noreen and Lafton Daley-Lee*

Wednesday 17th December

Psalm 95:6 (KJV)

⁶ O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

Praise God for The Place Community Cafe and ask Him to bless those who work so tirelessly to help each week, may today be a celebration of Jesus' birth and resurrection, as Christmas lunch is served.

Pray God's protection over Ken visiting Rosewood today. Ask God to protect the ministry he has there and to sow seeds of hope and faithfulness into those he meets.

Pray for the Brownies and ask God to protect them from materialism and the way of the world this Christmas.

Pray for the residents of Eynsford Road.

Pray for the community of Churches together in Ebbsfleet. *Penny Marsh*

Thursday 18th December

Luke 2:19-20 (TLB)

¹⁹ but Mary quietly treasured these things in her heart and often thought about them.

²⁰ Then the shepherds went back again to their fields and flocks, praising God for the visit of the angels, and because they had seen the child, just as the angel had told them.

Ask God to send His Holy Spirit upon those at the Small Group Meeting this evening and that He will fill them with His spirit until they overflow in His amazing grace!

Pray for the staff and pupils at Knockhall Academy. Ask God to be a part of their plans for the school. Praise Him for the new Principle Stephen Capper.

Pray for the residents of Knockhall Chase.

Pray for the community of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Gravesend.

Michael Fanstone

Friday 19th December

Luke 2:21 (NLT)

Jesus Is Presented in the Temple

²¹ Eight days later, when the baby was circumcised, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel even before he was conceived.

Pray for children and young people as they break up for Christmas today. Pray for those who may have a difficult home life and ask God to work miracles for them. Pray God's protection over all children and young people.

Give thanks for the charity Christians Against Poverty (CAP). Ask God to provide for the needs of those struggling with debt in our community, if you know of anyone in need of debt counselling lead them to

www.capuk.org

Pray for the carol singing service at Ingress Park this evening.

Pray for the residents of The Crescent.

Pray for the community of Churches together in Gravesend.

Saturday 20th December

Luke 2:22-24 (KJV)

²² And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord;

²³ (As it is written in the law of the LORD, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;)

²⁴ And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.

Praise God for the baptism of Rachel Holloway in November. Pray for protection and guidance in all that she does in her walk with you.

Pray for the residents of Park Terrace.

Pray for the community of Riverview Baptist, Gravesend. *David Ware*

Sunday 21st December

Luke 2:25-32 (NLV)

Simeon's Song of Thanks

²⁵ There was a man in Jerusalem by the name of Simeon. He was a good man and very religious. He was looking for the time when the Jewish nation would be saved. The Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ The Holy Spirit made it known to Simeon that he would not die before he had seen God's Chosen One. ²⁷ He came to the house of God being led by the Holy Spirit. The parents took Jesus to the house of God. They came to do what the Law said must be done. ²⁸ Then Simeon took Jesus in his arms. He gave honour to Him and thanked God, saying, ²⁹ "Lord, now let me die in peace, as You have said. ³⁰ My eyes have seen the One Who will save men from the punishment of their sins. ³¹ You have made Him ready in the sight of all nations. ³² He will be a light to shine on the people who are not Jews. He will be the shining-greatness of Your people the Jews."

Pray for church services today. Ask God to protect His people from the evil forces of the Devil and his works. Ask God to bless Andrew, the Readers, the Music Group, the Technicians, the Sides Persons, the Prayers and all involved with today's service so that The Holy Spirit may reign in all truth and holiness.

Pray that many will attend this evening's Carols by Candlelight Service and will be touched by the Holy Spirit as they experience God's presence.

Pray for the residents of Jubilee Close.

Pray for the community of City Praise Centre, Gravesend. *Tom Griffiths*

Monday 22nd December

Matthew 2:1 (NLV)

Wise Men Visit the Young Child Jesus

2 Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem in the country of Judea. It was the time when Herod was king of that part of the country. Soon after Jesus was born, some wise men who learned things from stars came to Jerusalem from the East.

Give thanks and pray for Tanya and Amber Aspreno, Viki Hubert, and Margaret Macarthy, who were confirmed in November here at St Mary. May they grow in their knowledge of God and receive guidance and wisdom in their journey with Him.

Pray for the residents of Austen Close.

Pray for the community of Holy Trinity Church, Dartford. *Martin Henwood*

Tuesday 23rd December

Matthew 2:1-2 (GNT)

Visitors from the East

2 Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem in Judea, during the time when Herod was king. Soon afterward, some men who studied the stars came from the East to Jerusalem ² and asked, "Where is the baby born to be the king of the Jews? We saw his star when it came up in the east, and we have come to worship him."

Pray for those who will be spending Christmas in hospital. Pray for their families and for staff at DVH.

Pray for the residents of Lane Avenue.

Pray for the community of Swanscombe Methodist Church. *Noreen and Lafton Daley-Lee*

Wednesday 24th December

Matthew 2:9-10 (GNT)

⁹⁻¹⁰ And so they left, and on their way they saw the same star they had seen in the East. When they saw it, how happy they were, what joy was theirs! It went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.

Praise God for Ken's ministry at Rosewood. Pray for the residents and staff as they celebrate Christmas away from family. Pray for the family of staff who are working tomorrow.

Pray for those who will be using food banks this Christmas. Ask God to work deep within their hearts and ease their suffering. Thank God for the Trussell Trust and the for the food bank at the Rainbow centre, ask Him to bless all who use and help to run them.

Pray for the residents of Spring Vale.

Pray for the community of Christ Apostolic Church, Swanscombe.

Thursday 25th December

Matthew 2:11 (GNT)

¹¹ They went into the house, and when they saw the child with his mother Mary, they knelt down and worshiped him. They brought out their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, and presented them to him.

Ask God to work in the hearts of those who have unbelieving or uncommitted family members, so they may join in the knowledge of Jesus' redemptive power and salvation to all who believe.

Thank God for today's Christmas Day service and breakfast.

Pray for those celebrating Christmas in the hall over lunch. Ask God to touch draw close to each of them.

Pray for the residents of Starboard Avenue.

Pray for the community of St Albans Church, Dartford.

Friday 26th December

Luke 2:20 (NIV)

²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen which were just as they had been told.

Praise God for the Christmas story, for the unimaginable way He worked to save us from sin, and for the faithfulness and obedience of Mary and Joseph. To God be the glory!

Pray for the residents of Port Avenue.

Pray for the community of Northfleet United Reformed Church.

Saturday 27th December

Praise our Father in Heaven for sending us His only son Jesus Christ to atone for our sins. Thank Jesus for His obedience to death on the cross and for making a way for us so that our sins have been forgiven and that we have made new by the Holy Spirit which is freely given to all who truly repent.

Pray for the residents of Mounts Road.

Pray for the community of Our Lady of the Assumption R C Church, Northfleet. *Father Robert Ellis*

Sunday 28th December

Romans 1:5 (NLT)

⁵ through Christ, God has given us the privilege and authority as apostles to tell Gentiles everywhere what God has done for them, so that they will believe and obey him, bringing glory to his name.

Take the opportunity today to tell someone about how God is working in your life. Pray that He will touch that person through His Holy Spirit. Pray for church services today. Ask God to protect His people from the evil forces of the Devil and his works. Ask God to bless Andrew, the Readers, the Music Group, the Technicians, the Sides Persons, the Prayers and all involved with today's service's so that The Holy Spirit may reign in all truth and holiness.

Pray for the residents of Kemsley Close.
Pray for the community of RCCG - City of His Grace, Northfleet.

Monday 29th December

Pray for a solution to our financial situation at SMG. Listen to what God says in reply. Test it and then suggest it.
Pray for the staff and residents at Haslington Residential Home.
Pray for a leader for a home group on Ingress Park. Ask God to speak into the heart of his chosen person, to confirm His speech through another and through scripture so that they will know they have been chosen by Him to lead.
Pray for the residents of Valley View.
Pray for the community of St Mary, Stone. *Kenneth Clark*

Tuesday 30th December

Pray for the staff and pupils at Saint Georges School. Give thanks for the hard work that the Head teacher Anne Southgate has put into the school over her time there.
Ask God to raise up a new Youth Co-ordinator. Ask for someone with integrity and a passion to further the gospel in our youth to be attracted to the post at SMG. Ask God to set the hearts of the young on fire with desire for Him.
Pray for the residents of Cobham Terrace.
Pray for the community of Swanscombe Methodist Church. *Noreen and Lafton Daley-Lee*

Wednesday 31st December

Pray for Ken as he visits Rosewood today. Pray for staff and their families who are working tonight and are unable to see in the New Year together.
Pray for the Landlords/ladies and staff at our local pubs. Ask God to keep New Year revellers in order and to protect all consume alcohol today. Ask Him for peaceful New Year Celebrations.

Give thanks for tonight's New Year party in the hall. Ask God to protect all who attend and that a good time will be had by all.
Pray for the residents of Bean Road.