

Prayer Matters: 29th March 2020 Lent 5

We keep in our prayers this week:

All Saints - For our community of All Saints. For the Ministry team, staff, volunteers and all involved in making sure our needs are met during this time of challenges, uncertainty and fear. May we come together and grow stronger through our experiences.

Covid-19 - For all in Government making the tough day-to-day decisions to keep us safe and the staff who support them. That people will heed the warnings given. The scientists working on a vaccine, factories producing the relevant breathing equipment. The army building field hospitals.

Key Workers- For all medical staff in our hospitals and GP surgeries; prison officers; teachers and nursery staff; those keeping the infrastructure going, our shops stocked with food. Chaplaincy teams in our hospitals, prisons and hospices.

Isolated and alone - for those separated from friends and family; isolated and on their own. For prisoners confined to their cells as prisons go into lockdown. For those with mental health issues.

Charity of the Week: Foundation for Peace & Reconciliation in the Middle East

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Those who are sick or in need: Chris Glasson, Jenny Pick, Grace Stedman, Robert Avery and any others known to us; for those who support and care for them and all on our long-term sick list.

Those who have died recently: xxx; and all who mourn.

Those whose year's mind falls at this time: May Down, Pat Littell and Sarah Deacon.

Commemorated at this time: John Donne, Priest & Poet (March 31st)

John Donne was born in about the year 1571 and brought up as a Roman Catholic. He was a great-great nephew of Thomas More. John went up to Oxford at 14, studied further at Cambridge and eventually discovered his Christian faith in the Church of England. He was ordained and later took the post of Dean of St Paul's Cathedral. John died on this day in the year 1631. His love-poetry and religious poems took on a renewed life in the twentieth century and his place both as a patristic scholar and as a moral theologian are confirmed by his prolific writings and the publication of his sermons.

Prayer for the outbreak:

God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone on the cross,
but reigns with you in glory,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

If there is something or someone we should call to mind in our prayer please contact Judy Powles on 020 8693 4437 or the church office 020 8676 4550.