

Prayer Matters: 20 June - Third Sunday after Trinity

Please keep in your prayers:

London Climate Action Week: From 26 June, this annual event will bring together world-leading climate professionals and communities to harness the power of London to this cause. We pray that this event will change individual behaviour and influence policies such as the move to build net zero cities. As midsummer approaches, we give thanks for the breath-taking beauty of our planet even as we realise its vulnerability.

Public Service Day: 26 June. We give thanks for the role that all public servants have played during the pandemic, including teachers and NHS workers. We pray particularly for NHS workers who face a backlog of other cases at a time when their energies have been overstretched.

Creative practitioners: As All Saints prepares to host its first concert for 18 months, we pray for musicians, actors, artists and all practitioners of the arts who have struggled during lockdown. We pray that as restrictions ease the creative arts may make their own distinctive contribution to our reflections on the pandemic and the world we would like to emerge from it.

Commemorated on 23 June: Etheldreda, Abbess of Ely

Etheldreda, also called Audrey, was born in Suffolk early in the seventh century, a daughter of the king. She desired to commit her life to prayer and chastity and, after two arranged and unconsummated marriages, founded a religious house at [Ely](#) for both men and women, over which she ruled as Abbess. At her death on this day in the year 678, she was revered as a woman of austerity, prayer and prophecy.

Charity of the Week: Lambeth Refugees Welcome

Lambeth Refugees Welcome supports resettled families from Syria and other countries. We give thanks for the picnic at Streatham Common last Sunday, which brought families together after lockdown isolation. We pray that more people will volunteer, on Zoom or in person, to help with primary and secondary school homework, or to offer conversation with adults to improve their English. Volunteers are also needed to develop friendship with a family. (See Gwenda Walters for more information.) We also pray for Haja, who has been in hospital and has continuing health issues.

Those who are sick or in need: Ruth Kirk Wilson, Robert Shafto, Margaret Legg, Judy Smith-Blow (formerly Powles), and any others known to us; for those who support and care for them.

Those with longer term needs: Simon Berlyn, Rosemary Cave, Lorraine Falzon Gaughan, Hyacinth Brown, Wisdom Kari Kari, Anthony Backs, Isabelle Backs, Do Jones, Chris Worden, and Gina Vaughan.

Those who have died recently: Gabrielle Mabley and her son Christopher and daughter-in-law Helen; Emily Chichi, the many deaths from coronavirus still occurring in so many parts of the world; all who mourn.

Those whose Year's Mind falls at this time: Sir Martin Reid, George Jeffrey

Thought for the week: *Our present ecological crisis, the biggest single practical threat to our human existence in the middle to long term, has, religious people would say, a great deal to do with our failure to think of the world as existing in relation to the mystery of God, not just as a huge warehouse of stuff to be used for our convenience.* **Rowan Williams**

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