

Prayer Matters - 25th July to 29th August 2021

Please keep in your prayers

Examination Results: For those anxiously awaiting the outcome of their results and their affect on their future, especially under the difficult conditions in which they have had to study. Pray that whatever the results they will not adversely affect their future. Pray for all teaching staff, parents and others who have done their best to keep up the standards of education.

Easing of lockdown: We give thanks that everyone will now be able to meet up with their friends and family again; to take a break away and enjoy social events once more. We pray that everyone will behave responsibly, taking precautions to protect themselves and others, and that the virus can be contained and not cause more pressure on our NHS, public services and those getting their work and businesses back on track.

Climate Change: for the international efforts to halt or reverse climate change to be successful; for those places and countries already adversely affected, and for the natural events that have caused death and destruction; that we all play our part by preserving resources and recycling to be best of our ability.

To be married - Louise Perry and Nicholas Broughton, whose Banns are being called as they prepare for their wedding on August Bank Holiday weekend.

Commemorated on the Centenary of her death on 9th August - Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mothers' Union - Mary Elizabeth Sumner (nee Heywood) was born in 1828 at Swinton. In 1848, she married a young curate, George Henry Sumner, nephew of Archbishop Sumner, who was himself to become Bishop of Guildford in 1888. A mother of three children, Mary called a meeting in 1876 at which the Mothers' Union was founded, providing a forum in which to unite mothers of all classes in the aim of bringing up children in the Christian faith. Baptism and parental example were its two basic principles. At first a parochial organisation, it grew steadily into an international concern, encouraging the ideal of a Christian home. Its membership includes men and women, with or without children, and offers Christian Care for Families throughout the World. Mary died, aged 92, on this day in 1921.

Charities All Saints' supports in various ways: Let us pray that we will soon be able to offer more support to them once again: L'Arche (London), Southwark Diocesan Welcare, St. Michael's Fellowship, Centre 70, Five Talents, 4All, The Children's Society, Christian Aid, Brixton and Norwood Foodbank, The Mothers' Union, Robes Project and others.

Those who are sick or in need: Ruth Kirk Wilson, and any others known to us; for those who support and care for them.

Those with longer term needs: Robert Shafto, Margaret Legg, 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: Any known to us, and for all who mourn the death of loved ones.

Those whose Year's Mind falls at this time:

25th July - Antonio Pacitti, Ethel Bowers, Martin Wimpres and Jenny Pick.

1st August - Dorothy Fonseca and Pieter Surie.

8th August - Phyllis Martin, Silindile Ngema and Barbara Capon.

15th August - Ekon N. Awooner and Charles McCormick.

22nd August - Janet Philo and Monica Bennett.

29th August - Bill DeGraft Rosenior.

Thought for the summer: The Lord's Prayer rewritten by Stephen Cherry, Dean of King's College, Cambridge.

Motherly Father of us all, we honour and worship your being.

Your kin-dom come,

Your will be done at all times and in all places.

Give us each day the provisions we need.

Take away the guilt of our sin, that we ourselves may be forgiving towards others.

Spare us any trials that would overwhelm us and help us resist the power of the tempter.

For in you is true fulfilment, authentic power and absolute beauty. Amen.

From 'Thy Will be Done'.

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