

Prayer Matters

Please keep in your prayers this week:

Our All Saints community

During this Epiphany season, may we see something of the mystery of God as revealed at Christ's baptism.

The lonely and all in a place of darkness this winter

May the light of Christ shine in their lives, giving them hope as they face the new year.

The NHS

Especially our local hospitals under intense pressure because of rising Covid cases.

All those struggling with finances

Especially because of Christmas bills now needing to be paid and the extra cost of heating.

Countries such as Afghanistan

Where ordinary people are suffering because of conflict and regime changes.

Charity of the week

4ALL: Building Community in West Dulwich

The local community charity founded by All Saints members. We give thanks that Carols4All on Saturday 11 December was such a wonderful community occasion, enjoyed by so many people. We continue to pray for all those, young and old, who benefit from 4All's regular activities and for the staff and volunteers who give their time. 4-all.org.uk

Those who are sick or in need

Paula and any known to us.

Those with longer term needs

Lisadore Klenck, Ruth Kirk Wilson, 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; all who support and care for them.

Those who have lately died

Father Vincent O'Toole, Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

Those whose year's mind falls at this time

Heera Alikhan, Elizabeth Betson, Timothy Penrose, Director of Music, Primrose Pearl Pollock (L'Arche), Marjorie Fletcher.

Commemorated on 13th January

George Fox, Founder of the Society of Friends

George Fox was born at Fenny Drayton in Leicestershire in 1624, the son of a weaver. The 'Inner Light of the Living Christ' became his watchword in 1646 and he began to preach that the truth could only be found through the Inner Voice speaking directly to each soul. His society of 'The Friends of Truth' was formed at about this time and many believers joined. Because of welcoming God into the soul often whilst in a state of trance, which caused much body movement, Gervase Bennet nicknamed them the Quakers in 1650; although meant as a term of abuse, it quickly became a name they themselves adopted. Fox spent several spells in gaol because of his determination to preach where he would and what he willed; he also made many missionary journeys around England, on the continent and to North America and the West Indies. He had a charismatic personality combined with excellent organisational abilities, which proved a solid foundation for ensuring the continuance of his beliefs and practices. He died on this day in 1691.

Thought for the week

Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.

Desmond Tutu

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