

Prayer Matters

Please keep in your prayers:

Our community at All Saints that as we meet for worship and prayer, we may be nurtured and strengthened in our faith. All who are involved in so many ways with our life here.

The Church of England and the wider Anglican Communion as the appointment process for the next Archbishop of Canterbury commences.

May the Gaza ceasefire agreement continue to be observed by all the parties involved. The people of Gaza and Israel who have suffered because of the war. That the captives held by both sides will be released as agreed. For international co-operation in the efforts to deliver and distribute humanitarian aid.

January 27th marks Holocaust Memorial Day and this year's theme is *For a better future*. 2025 also marks the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp and the 30th anniversary of the genocide at Srebrenica in Bosnia.

Charity of the week: Five Talents UK

Over the years the Democratic Republic of Congo has suffered through civil war, political unrest, a deadly Ebola outbreak and ongoing armed conflict today. In 2018 Five Talents UK set up a Programme in partnership with the Diocese of Aru and the Mother's Union. Literacy and Numeracy Groups were formed which later became Savings Groups. Members are able to save and take loans while also undertaking business skills training. These Groups enable members to set up or expand business enterprises, and help to improve living conditions.

Those who are sick or in need

Julian Greene, Gwynneth Pedler, Norman, Judith Billingham, Ernest Owusu, and any others who are known to us

Those with longer term needs

Jenny West, Sue Beynon, Steve Ivory, Andy Higman, Rosemary Cave, Mavis Adenekan, Brenda and Roger Beamond, Mary Allen, Anthony Backs, Isabelle Backs, Jeremy Baker, Simon Berlyn, Judy Clark, Laura D'Costa,

Harriet Greene, Kelly Greene, Wisdom Kari Kari, Edward Kirby, Christopher Pick, Norma Prior, Hannah Sharma, Bishop Christopher, and all who support and care for them.

Those who have lately died

Ruth Kirk Wilson (funeral on Monday 3 February 12.30pm), Eunice Ohene-Nyako (remembering in our prayers Francis, Hannah and Alexandra; funeral on Thursday 30th January at noon), and any others known to us; and commending to God's love all who mourn

Those whose year's mind falls at this time

Michaela Emanus, Edith Jeffrey, Christina James, John Brian, Philip Vernon.

Commemorated on 30 January: Charles Stuart, King of England, Scotland and Ireland

Charles was born in 1600, the second son of James the First. He succeeded to the throne in 1625 and came up against the increasing power of an antagonistic Parliament and the religious puritanism prevalent at the time. Staunch in his resistance of the power of either force in the land, he frequently dismissed sittings of Parliament. Charles tried to enforce high-church Anglican practice throughout both kingdoms of England and Scotland. Opposition resulted in civil war. After his imprisonment and trial, Charles was executed on this day in 1649. Although seen by some as a victim of his own pride, his faith and willingness to suffer and die for what he believed in are not in doubt.

Thought for the week

The awareness that we are all human beings together has become lost in war and through politics. Albert Schweitzer

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