

Prayer Matters

As we thank you Lord, for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples. We pray for those who produce our food: for farmers, fishermen, factory, and shop workers. We pray for those for whom this has been a difficult year: farmers who have battled the weather to grow food, delivery drivers and shop workers who face challenging work conditions. Help us to value and support each other.

O God of all hope and peace, we bring to you the needs of our broken and hurting world. We pray for an end to violence and warfare. Help us, O Lord, to affirm our common humanity so that in our differences we may build together for justice and peace.

Charity of the Week

Spafford Children's Center in Jerusalem, provides much needed trauma and psychological support for Palestinian children and their families, currently living under challenging conditions, bringing hope and healing into their lives. Please pray that the funding stream for the charity will remain secure as there have been reports of interference in funding to international charities. Please pray that all monies find their way to the rightful recipients.

Those to be baptised

Acacia Zuri Cunningham and Chloe Zamboni Downes who are to be baptised next Sunday. We pray for Acacia and Chloe, their parents and godparents.

Those who are sick or in need

Jeremy Baker, Anthony Allen, Judith Billingham, Denise Campbell-Palmer, Jean Castledine, Rosemary Cave, Norman, Ernest Owusu, and any others known to us.

Those with longer-term needs

Mavis Adenekan, Mary Allen, Anthony Backs, Isabelle Backs, Brenda Beamond, Simon Berlyn, Sue Beynon, Judy Clark, Laura D'Costa, Harriet Greene, Kelly Greene, Donald Hope, Steve Ivory, Wisdom Kari Kari, Edward Kirby, Norma Prior, Hannah Sharma and all who support and care for them.

Those who have lately died

Roger Beamond, (keeping Eleanor and family in our prayers) and any who are known to us. Commending to God's love all who mourn.

Those whose year's mind falls at this time

Pat Singh, Godwyn Jones, Aldwyn Holley and David Page and any others known to us.

Commemorated on 6 October:

William Tyndale, Translator of the Scriptures

Born in 1494, William Tyndale studied first at Oxford, and then at Cambridge. He became determined to translate the Scriptures from the Greek directly into contemporary English but was thwarted in this by the Bishop of London. So William settled in Hamburg in 1524, never returning to England. When the first copies of his translation arrived in England in 1526, it was bitterly attacked as subversive by the ecclesial authorities. He spent much of the rest of his life making revisions to his work but also writing many theological works. His life's-work proved good enough to be the basic working text for those who, at the beginning of the following century, were to produce what became known as the Authorised Version of the Bible. He was eventually arrested in 1535 and imprisoned in Brussels on charges of heresy. He was first strangled and then burnt at the stake on this day in 1536. His last words were, 'Lord, open the King of England's eyes.'

Thought for the week

O Lord, your word is everlasting;
it stands firm in the heavens.

Your faithfulness remains from one generation to another;
you established the earth and it abides
From Psalm 119

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