

Prayer Matters

Please keep in your prayers this week:

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Meeting of the Parishioners for the Election of Churchwardens which takes place today after the 10am service. For Julian Greene who will be retiring as churchwarden after many years of faithful service.

Christian Aid Week begins today, 10 May. We pray for the work of Christian Aid around the world to tackle poverty and fight injustice, and for all who support them with gifts, action and prayers. This year's focus is on Kenya, and we pray especially for the work of Christian Aid's partner, Beacon of Hope, in Nairobi, and ask for your blessing on their support for urban farmers, helping them to feed their families and earn an income.

The Dulwich Festival and Artists Open House running until next weekend. The creativity shown by so many people. All Saints are hosting exhibitions over the two weekends, with ceramic artwork on the theme of home for the Robes Project, as well as information about our life at All Saints and the activities which take place here.

Our local councils as they continue to face challenges in their provision of public services. The newly elected councillors that they may serve their local communities with integrity and wisdom.

Charity of the week: Afghanaid

Afghanaid recently announced the launch of the Climate Resilient Livelihoods and Social Protection Project, funded by the United Nations and the World Bank. Focusing on 417 communities across five provinces, the initiative will be a community-led programme. By combining climate-resilient infrastructure, social protection and enterprise development, immediate needs and long-term resilience will be addressed. Engaging with the root causes of poverty and vulnerability, the project will support greater self-reliance and reduce long-term dependence on aid.

Those to be married

Calum John Wilson Craig and Anne Elizabeth Cole whose banns are being read for the second time today, 10 May.

Those who are sick or in need

Janet Anker, Ella Woodcock, Anthony Allen, Jeremy Baker, Denise Campbell-Palmer, Jean Castledine, Julie Hare, Ann Holley, Gwyneth Pedlar and any others known to us.

Those with longer term needs

Dawn Woodcock, Olive Heylings, Judith Billingham, Rosemary Cave, Ernest Owusu, Mavis Adenekan, Mary Allen, Anthony Backs, Isabelle Backs, Brenda Beamond, Simon Berlyn, Sue Beynon, Judy Clark, Harriet Greene, Kelly Greene, Donald Hope, Steve Ivory, Wisdom Kari Kari, Edward Kirby, Keith Mayers, Norma Prior, Hannah Sharma, and all who support and care for them.

Those whose year's mind falls at this time

Ted Ray, Jim Radcliffe, Zee Zee Gwaite, Freda Smith, Wendy Hogg.

Commemorated on 16 May:

Caroline Chisholm, Social Reformer

Born in 1808 Caroline later married Archibald Chisholm and they emigrated to Madras in 1831 where she established a school for soldiers' daughters. In 1838, the family moved to Australia where Caroline worked for the vulnerable immigrants arriving in Sydney. She was especially concerned for the women, who were often lured and bullied into brothels. Setting up a free Registry Office to help them obtain legitimate work and a shelter, Caroline campaigned for improved conditions. Returning to Britain in 1846 she pressed for emigration reform and her Christian ministry and action led to the ending of what had virtually been the institutionalisation of the abuse of poor women. Caroline died in 1877.

Thought for the week

"One of the greatest rewards that we ever receive for serving God is the permission to do still more for Him." Charles Spurgeon

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