



Uxbridge Parish
Combined Prayer Diary
February 2012



Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

(Colossians 4:2a)

1 st Wed	<p>Hillingdon Clergy Chapter Meeting. Father we pray that all the area clergy will be continually refilled with the Holy Spirit to refresh and guide them in all they do and say. May they continually seek your counsel for their lives and for the way forward in their parishes and in the area of Hillingdon.</p> <p>10.45 Leaders Meeting. Sovereign Lord we lift to you all those in our Parish in a leadership role in the many different groups, may they rest in your presence and allow your Holy Spirit to guide, strengthen, encourage and work through them in all aspects of their lives and ministry to your glory.</p>
2 nd	<p>Olive MacNeil's funeral. Father we thank you for the life and witness of Olive as she worshipped you at St. M's. Please be with her family at this time, comforting and supporting them as they mourn her loss. May today be a real celebration of Olive's life among us and the joy of knowing that she is in your loving presence.</p> <p>St. A's School Governing Body meet tonight please be amongst them Father when they discuss and make decisions that impact on the students and staff. Guide them in how best to manage the school affairs to your glory and with the benefit and potential of all those who study, work or volunteer their help and enable them to build lasting positive relationships.</p>

3 rd	<p>Sovereign Lord we thank you for the life of Julia Beaumont and the many and various relationships she had with members of St. M's. She was a true blessing from you. We ask you to comfort her family at this difficult time and walk closely with them in the days ahead.</p> <p>Breathe (Youth) event. Father what a joy our young people are to us and to you. Please work among them tonight as they come together to praise and worship you. Fill their lives with your presence, enable them to reach their full potential in you and grant them hope for the future and to seek you for all circumstances.</p>
4 th	<p>Spend some time today praising God, you might like to use Psalm 8 reflecting on creation. God completed His work stood and looked at all He had made and said "It is very good".</p> <p>Father God we continue to pray for those who are homeless and are sleeping on the streets. Guide those who are trying to help them especially for those agencies and venues who provide nights shelters and for those who brave the cold handing out food and hot drinks to those who cannot find shelter. Bless and encourage them in the work they do and stir peoples hearts to speak out and restore those who are less fortunate and in need of assistance and healing.</p>
5 th Sun	<p>Almighty God as we come together and renew our Baptismal promises at St. M's and as Joshua is baptised we know that you are among us, showing your love for us. For we love You because You first loved us. May we always abide in Your loving presence and desire to deepen our relationship with You.</p> <p>All Commissioned ministers and Readers. Father we thank you and ask you to bless all those who give of their time and talents to preach, teach and minister to your people. Father enable us to have grateful hearts towards them and to give you praise daily for all they do in your service.</p>

6 th	<p>Footprints. Heavenly Father we pray for all those who have lost loved one and attend this group, may they find friendship and support as they meet together weekly. We thank you for Gill and the team who give of their time to serve in this vital ministry, may you bless them and all who attend.</p> <p>Sovereign Lord we are so blessed to have members of our congregations exploring Vocations in the Parish. Lord guide them as they seek your will and purpose for their lives and ministry. May they continually rest in your presence and seek your counsel each step of the journey you have ahead of them and complete in them the work which you have begun through the deepening of their relationship with You.</p>
7 th	<p>Please take time to pray for our Sunday children's groups in both churches. Thank God for the faith of children and pray that faith would grow and deepen as they share together week by week. Pray especially that God would guide the Leaders when they meet together to discuss and plan the future ministry, teaching and safety of youngsters.</p> <p>St. A's School Eucharist at St. A's. Abba Father speak into the hearts of all who attend this service and walk closely with them that they may know your love for them throughout their life and accept you as their God and King.</p>
8 th	<p>Pray for God's wisdom and guidance for our Government as they continually discuss and make decisions about financial, immigration, education, health and housing issues, that they might act justly as they review policies and benefits that will affect the well being of the people of this country and elsewhere.</p> <p>Please pray too for the ministry of the Oasis Coffee Bar. Thanks God for Carrie Moore and her team of volunteers and pray that God will continue to be at work among the many people who come through the doors every week</p>

9 th	<p>Pray for Sandra Hall as she meets regularly with the staff of Debenhams in her work as Chaplain. Help her to see the fruit that this work bears. Help those she meets hear your word through her.</p> <p>Father we lift Anne and Tim Atkins to you will be with them as they settle into their new home in Uxbridge and as they have now been licensed in this parish by the bishop. Bless and protect them and their new home and we thank you Father that you have called them into your family in Uxbridge.</p>
10 th	<p>Chestnuts Nursing home and Claire House. We thank you Father for this type of provision for those who are unable to live alone or need support, asking that Your love and compassion will flow from those who are employed to look after and care for the residents. We give thanks too for those who visit to enable residents to receive communion, to share in fellowship or to entertain them.</p> <p>Pray for the plans for the use of RAF Uxbridge grounds and buildings. That they include facilities to meet the needs and the well being of residents, children, businesses, the unemployed, the poor and the homeless.</p>
11 th	<p>Saturday coffee bar. Pray for Patrick Colbert and his team of helpers from St. M's and St. A's as they minister to those that visit the coffee bar on Saturdays.</p> <p>Hillingdon Philharmonic Orchestra concert at St. A's. Father we are grateful for the opportunities for our church buildings to be used to host community events and concerts. May all who attend this concert marvel at the sound of the music and the skill of the musicians, may they also sense your presence in this beautiful place of worship that is steeped in praise, worship and prayer.</p>
12 th Sun	<p>Reflect today on this verse of a wonderful hymn as we prepare to worship the King of kings and Lord of Lords:</p> <p>O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, Bow down before Him, His glory proclaim;</p>

	<p>with gold of obedience and incense of lowliness, kneel and adore Him the Lord is His name.</p> <p>Father God as the financial difficulties appear to be deepening throughout the world we pray that you will raise up people locally and especially in our churches who can give reliable advice and support financially to those who need to tighten their budgets.</p>
13 th	<p>Chaplaincy to the Police. Take time to pray for police officers and support staff who work in Hillingdon Borough. Pray too for God to be at work in and through Wyn Price, as police chaplain serving the response teams working out of Hayes police station and June as Borough Chaplain.</p>
14 th	<p>Song of Praise with Prayer for Healing service. Father we pray that Your healing power will be at work in the lives of those attending this service. May Your Holy Spirit ministry in and through those in the Prayer Ministry Team to touch, heal, transform and restore life in all its fullness.</p> <p>Please pray for Joy in her work as chaplain to the New Bucks University Nursing Centre. May the compassion of Jesus be felt through her words by those who work to show compassion and healing to others.</p>
15 th	<p>Please pray for the Wednesday Mass for Mums & Toddlers (St. A's) and for all who attend. May God who stands amongst them will deepen their love, faith and trust in Him.</p> <p>Please pray for PromiseLand, each Wednesday, reaching out to children and their families. It is really encouraging but we really need to pray that we will be able to discover more and more what it is to be a Christian community welcoming all - and most of all that God will be building His Kingdom through this ministry.</p>
16 th	<p>Chaplaincy at the Civic Centre. Lord we ask that you would bless the chaplaincy work that Shirley is doing at the Civic Centre, that it may be a witness to your love and guide others to discover more about you.</p>

17 th	<p>Pray today for the Street Angels, for the teams out every Friday, seeking to show God's love in practical ways to those out late. Remember especially the new Street Angels – volunteers recently trained and starting to get involved.</p> <p>Hillingdon Food Bank offer help to those in financial difficulty, pray for those volunteers who give out food and provide fellowship on Mondays and Fridays at St Margaret's, as well as in the warehouse, and pray that the Lord will enable those in need to be in touch with this ministry.</p>
18 th	<p>Consider the following: Greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world. (1 John 4:4)</p> <p>Then spend some time telling God how much you value His presence in your life and then just rest in Him.</p>
19 th Sun	<p>Father God, stir in us hearts that praise and worship you in Spirit and in Truth. Bring to mind and help us to remember what we have received and heard and that we may be obedient to our calling in every way. Father God make us people devoted to prayer, abiding in Your presence and therefore enabling us to be the overcomers you have called us be.</p> <p>Elderly and/or Housebound in our Parish – remember today someone you know who is in this position, and maybe take time to give them a call or visit, or at least lift them up in prayer.</p>
20 th	<p>Planning of Healing of the Streets Launch in March. Please pray that God's will and purpose will be the focus and guiding force behind the Launch of this ministry to the people of Uxbridge.</p>
21 st	<p>Partnership of Ministers (CTU). Father we acknowledge that it is often said that united we stand, divided we fall. Unite all Christians under the banner of Christ that we may stand as conquerors sharing and showing God's love and light to a world overshadowed by darkness.</p>

	Read your favourite passage of scripture today and reflect on what God is saying to you in that passage for today.
22 nd	<p>Ash Wednesday services at St. A's and St. M's. Holy God, our lives are laid open before you: rescue us from the chaos of sin and through the death of your Son bring us healing and make us whole in Jesus Christ our Lord.</p> <p>St. M's Buildings Staff meeting. Sovereign Lord give us wisdom and discernment and we meet together to discuss the day to day running of the building. Bless us as we endeavour to support, encourage and work together for the well being of all those who use this venue and for the building up of the body of Christ who worship here and those who come in seeking your love and healing.</p>
23 rd	<p>School Assemblies – during this month at Whitehall and Hermitage. Please pray for June, Joy and Andrew who regularly take assemblies. May God use them as they seek to share the love of God and the life of Jesus in them with these young children.</p> <p>Pray for the new Alpha course starting on Thursday 8th March. Loving Father begin to reach out and prompt those you are wanting to attend this course, those who are seeking yet so far not find, that they may be handed a leaflet or may see an advertisement that enables them to say “Yes” to exploring and getting to find out more about Jesus, the way the truth and the life. May they be obedient to that prompting and may they find that you Jesus are what they are seeking and you are what they need and your love endures forever.</p>
24 th	<p>Worship Groups & St. A's Choir. Father God we want to thank you so much for the musicians and singers who enable and encourage us in our worship week by week. Father may they be aware of your presence with them as they lead us and your blessing upon them throughout the week.</p>

25 th	<p>Women's Breakfast at St. A's. Father thank you for the opportunity to come together and to explore being members of the body of Christ. Feed us both spiritually and physically that we may grow in faith and character to your glory.</p>
26 th Sun	<p>God guidance re: Consultation about Admitting Children to Communion before Confirmation. Please pray that we will seek God's will and direction in this matter.</p>
27 th	<p>Please pray that God would be at work in the planning of this the half night of prayer and worship on 2nd March.</p>
28 th	<p>Healing on the Streets training session. Loving Father please guide and bring those who you are calling to bring healing to the streets of Uxbridge to this session. We pray especially for those who have the gift of healing to enable them to increase and development this gift and to encourage others to explore and minister to bring healing, wholeness and restoration in abundance in our town.</p>
29 th	<p>Father we lift to you today the first of a series of CTU Lent Lunches. May this be an opportunity to share in fellowship with others who live, worship or work in Uxbridge.</p> <p>PCC meeting. Please pray for those who make the hard decisions about the issues, financial and otherwise that affect our lives, ministry and worship in our buildings in Uxbridge.</p>

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not
on you own understanding;
in all your ways acknowledge Him,
and He will make your paths straight. (Prov 3:5-6)**