

ST. MARGARET'S
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SOUTH MARSTON
&
STANTON FITZWARREN

JULY & AUGUST
PRAYER DIARY



The Gospel of Matthew – Chapter 17 Verses 1-3

¹ After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ² There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. ³ Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

To my fellow Christians...

Owing to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, many church and local events have been put on hold or cancelled altogether. As a result, until such time as the events recommence, the prayer diary will be scaled down to weekly prayers, much like the prayer diaries that are distributed over Christmas and the summer months.

I will still attempt to make the prayer diary as varied as possible, but for that to succeed I will continue to require your help and support, so please feel free to jot down your own thoughts for prayer below.

God Bless,
Adam Jenkins

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Prayer topics...

1st - 2nd Pray for all those who are getting baptised and married over the next couple of months. Pray that all the couples and families are able to share their special day with those that they care about. May their Christian lives be long and fruitful, and their marriages be life-long, life-affirming and life-giving.

Week beginning 3rd July

Collect: God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

In your prayers this week pray for all those whose faith is wavering, and doubts are beginning to creep in. Thank God that he is "faithful", even when his people are not. Pray that they remember and hold on to his faithfulness when they feel let down. Ask God to renew their attitude when they feel that they are doing lots to little effect and use His words and example to bear fruit in others.

Week beginning 10th July

Collect: Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

As schools wind down for the summer holidays, pray this week for those teachers and pupils who will be moving onto new schools. Pray that the holiday will be a time of relaxation and enjoyment, preparing their hearts and minds for the new academic year.

Week beginning 17th July

Collect: Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Pray this week for all those struggling with mental health issues, especially the younger generation who may struggle to express their thoughts. We pray that they may receive the support and the love and care that they need. Also this week, with the Women's European Football Championships reaching its halfway point this week, pray for all those taking part and that young men and women may feel inspired to follow in their footsteps.

Week beginning 24th July

Collect: Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

With the feast of St. James (son of Zebedee) taking place this week, pray this week for all those who work with animals, especially vets and horse riders. Animals are part of God's plan too, so let us treat them with the respect and reverence that they deserve. Pray also for this week for those who work in manual labour; their job is often a hot and tiring one, particularly during this time of year. Pray that they are given time over the next few weeks to relax and enjoy the fruits of their labour.

Week beginning 31st July

Collect: Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

As we celebrate the transfiguration of Christ this week, pray that, as the disciples started to really comprehend just how powerful Jesus is, we too may recognise the power of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and that we may open our minds to His passion and His power.

Week beginning 7th August

Collect: Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Remember in your prayers this week those members of our Church family who are on holiday at the moment. Pray that God will refresh them deep down inside, and give them time to catch up with themselves, space to get life in perspective again, and the stimulus of new things around them.

Week beginning 14th August

Collect: Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord.

This week in your prayers, pray for all women who are expecting children. May God watch over both mother and child as it grows inside her. Children are the future of our world, even before they are born, so pray that they are both kept free from pain and infection. Pray also for those children who will be receiving their exam results this month; even if they do not receive the results they were hoping for, may they know that their future is still bright.

Week beginning 21st August

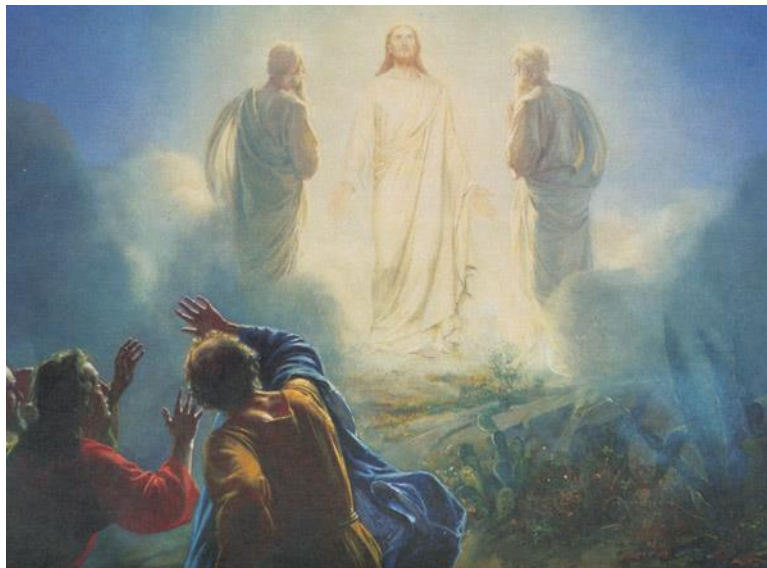
Collect: Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thank God this week for all those who work in the medical profession. May they feel His power and wisdom flowing through them as they seek to bring health and happiness to those who are sick and ill at this time. Pray that God's love and strength will give their patients the resilience they need to get well again.

Week beginning 28th August

Collect: God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Thank God this week for our Ministry team, and their continued devotion to spreading the word of God. Thank Him for all the ways that we have benefitted from their instruction and pray that He will fill our mouths with true instructions at these times too. Pray also for all those caught up in war, particularly the people of Ukraine as they continue to fight for their freedom against all the odds.



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