



March 1st

Psalms: 32 (MP), 74 (EP)

St David's Day: Almighty God, on this special day for the people of Wales, we remember Saint David, your servant. We give thanks for his passion for the Gospel which helped to spread Christianity; We give thanks for his purity and simplicity of life which enabled his pursuit of Christian perfection; We give thanks for his gentleness, but clear spiritual leadership. Grant that we may learn from him and respond to the words that are thought to be his last: 'Be steadfast, and do the little things'; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Location/Organisation: For our Church flower arrangers

Lectionary Readings: Jeremiah 7: 21—end; John 6: 41—51



March 2nd

Psalms: 50 (MP), 52 (EP)

Archbishop Justin: Father, in the very different times in which we are living, we do pray for our Archbishop Justin, that he may lead the Church in righteous and faithful ways, that your love may shine forth as a beacon of hope and comfort in the world.

Location/Organisation: For our Church wardens

Lectionary Readings: Jeremiah 8: 1—15; John 6: 52—59



March 3rd

Psalms: 35 (MP), 3 (EP)

Foodbank: Lord we give you thanks for the continued generosity witnessed in donations to the Foodbank, and remember in our prayers those who continue to struggle through daily, especially during the pandemic. Pray they will be comforted by the donations freely given, and know that others feel their need and continue to answer it. Amen

Location/Organisation: Those living and working in Wrington Road

Lectionary Readings: Jeremiah 8: 18—9: 1; John 6: 60—end

March 4th

Psalms: 34 (MP), 71 (EP)

Val Sawtell: Lord help us to be like a buttercup! They are yet to emerge but bright and cheerful they follow the sun. They are heliotropic absorbing the energy from the sun. When we all need inspiration and patience let us remember the little buttercup and seek that positive energy in you. Amen.

Location/Organisation: For the Diocesan Healing Ministry

Lectionary Readings: Jeremiah 9: 12—24; John 7: 1—13

March 5th

Psalms: 41 (MP), 6 (EP)

A Celtic prayer for renewal: O Creator God, Great one who created the stars and the vast ocean depths. Let me begin anew and bloom like the flowers, after a spring rain. Free me from the pain of my past. Help me to unburden my mind and soul, and begin again. Refresh my soul O Lord, let me move forward in hope. Keep me from revisiting the thoughts and the pain that have held me down and frozen me in place. Let me find forgiveness for those who have injured me, let me forgive my own mistakes and misdeeds. You are my compass and my anchor. please Lord let me have the strength, the strength to let go and to move, always toward your light, Amen.

Location/Organisation: People in Wrington Mead and Wrington Lane.

Lectionary Readings: Jeremiah 10: 1—16; John 7: 14—24

March 6th

Psalms: 25 (MP), 23 (EP)

Katie & Trevor Davies: Heavenly Father, we give you thanks and praise for the vaccine and how this has helped so many people. We fervently pray this will continue to work effectively in our country and around the world. We pray for Care Homes and Nursing Homes and remember especially Somerset House, giving thanks for the work of all the staff and praying for all residents especially our church members Alma, Valerie, Margaret and Tony.

Location/Organisation: For the Parish Councils

Lectionary Readings: Jeremiah 10: 17—24; John 7: 25—36

Sunday March 7th

3rd Sunday of Lent

Rev Meg Slingo: I offer this prayer of Paul the apostle to each one of you today. What a beautiful prayer. I am sure you will agree with me. If Paul, was here, then he would write to the *Saints in Congresbury*. (Ephesians 3:14-21)
Greetings. For this reason, I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Location/Organisation: Those living in Weetwood Road and Verlands.

Lectionary Readings: 1 Corinthians 1: 18—5; John 2: 13—22

March 8th

Psalms: 7 (MP), 17 (EP)

Our Schools: We pray for teachers and their assistants, parents, and especially the children who are returning to school today. May everyone be flexible and free from anxiety as they cope with whatever changes are needed to recommence education for all.

Location/Organisation: For those in Cobthorn Way.

Lectionary Readings: Jeremiah 11: 1—17; John 7: 37—53

March 9th

Psalms: 9 (MP), 64 (EP)

Rosemary Field: Lord at this time of the year, when we remember Jesus' preparation in the wilderness for His ministry and our thoughts turn to Good Friday and Jesus' sacrifice we praise you that He went all through this for us and our salvation. We know that His death was not the end of things and we look forward to Easter and that glorious resurrection morning. We pray that, similarly we may break through this difficult time that we are going through right now and look forward to celebrating a new beginning. Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Location/Organisation: For our Church treasurers

Lectionary Readings: Jeremiah 11: 18—12: 6; John 7: 53—8: 11



March 10th

Psalms: 38 (MP), 39 (EP)

Street Pastors: Although the streets are often a bit emptier at night than normal, we commend to you Lord the work, and ethos behind that work of Street Pastors. May they all be kept safe and know their role is valued and appreciated by so many they have helped and kept safe. Amen.

Location/Organisation: The Church Worship Groups.

Lectionary Readings: Jeremiah 13: 1—11; John 8: 12—30

March 11th

Psalms: 56 (MP), 59 (EP)

Bereaved Families: Father, we pray for all the families and individuals who have been bereaved over the past year. Please comfort and uphold them and help them to peacefully and gently remember their loved ones who have died, despite the necessary restrictions which have limited the celebrations of those lives.

Location/Organisation: Homes in Southside

Lectionary Readings: Jeremiah 14; John 8: 31—47

March 12th

Psalms: 22 (MP), 69 (EP)

Alan Field: Thank you Jesus for this time of spring. To see new buds and shoots growing brings joy to our hearts as we think of Easter and our spiritual renewal and the joy of seeing the newness flourishing and the lengthening days as we emerge from winter, thank you. Amen

Location/Organisation: People living in Southlands.

Lectionary Readings: Jeremiah 15: 10—end; John 8: 48—end

March 13th

Psalms: 31 (MP), 116 (EP)

Charlotte Polhedri: Dear Lord, during these very difficult times we pray for our young people who have been out of education and unable to meet with family and friends. Give them the strength to stay strong, upbeat, and know they are loved, and enable them to grasp an understanding that they have not lost their futures, that the sun will shine on them very soon and we are so incredibly proud of them all. Amen.

Location/Organisation: All those who do coffee in the churches

Lectionary Readings: Jeremiah 16: 10—17: 4; John 9: 1—17

Sunday March 14th

Mothering Sunday

Caz and family: Please pray for all families at this time. Mothers Day is a special day to say thank you for those who care for us. This year we might not be able to see our mothers but we know that for a lot of us their love and care will always be with us. Let us give thanks to all those who care for us.

Location/Organisation: For the Methodist Stewards

Lectionary Readings: Ephesians 2: 1—10; John 3: 14—21

March 15th

Psalms: 77 (MP), 25 (EP)

Friends of St Andrews: As a church community Lord, we give thanks for the fundraising efforts and support the friends give to the Church, working so hard in normal times to support the upkeep of buildings and the grounds. May they know how much we appreciate them Lord and when possible, that you bless the continuation of their great efforts. Amen.

Location/Organisation: Those who clean the churches, brass and Refectory.

Lectionary Readings: Jeremiah 17: 5—18; John 9: 18—end

March 16th

Psalms: 79 (MP), 80 (EP)

Benefice Treasurers: As treasurers we are busy preparing year-end accounts for the APCMs. Please pray that we have the courage, wisdom and strength to draw up budgets that enable us all to continue and grow our ministry and mission in our communities.

Location/Organisation: Those living in Hill Park

Lectionary Readings: Jeremiah 18: 1—12; John 10: 1—10



March 17th

Psalms: 90 (MP), 91 (EP)

St. Patrick's Prayer: May the Strength of God pilot us. May the Power of God preserve us. May the Wisdom of God instruct us. May the Hand of God protect us. May the Way of God direct us. May the Shield of God defend us. May the Host of God guard us Against the snares of the evil ones, against temptations of the world. May Christ be with us! May Christ be before us! May Christ be in us, Christ be over all! May Thy Salvation, Lord, always be ours, this day, O Lord, and evermore. Amen.

Location/Organisation: Homes in Well Park.

Lectionary Readings: Jeremiah 18: 13—end; John 10: 11—21

March 18th

Psalms: 86 (MP), 94 (EP)

Climate Change - it is up to US: Gracious God, we hang our heads, shamed by our arrogance that we wilfully, whilst pleading ignorance, defile your magnificent world entrusted to us. Forgive us for the choices we've made that damage and destroy. Empower us to challenge actions that perpetuate devastation. Enlighten us to alternative ways of living in order to stir the beginnings of restoration and repair. Amen.

Location/Organisation: People living in Kent Road.

Lectionary Readings: Jeremiah 19: 1—13; John 10: 22—end

March 19th

Psalms: 25 (MP), 1 (EP)

Stocker Family: Dear Lord, we give you thanks that people have been able to still follow the church services online, and listen to the daily blogs and online groups. Thank you to all who have made this facility possible, and it is such a blessing that people are so fortunate to still access your word this way. We remember those who are not able to have such options for whatever reason, but pray they know you love and have not forgotten them in the church family. Pray that we all care for each other, think of others, intercede for others, and that all the kindness shown brings a glimpse of the promises of your Kingdom, for where two or three gather in your name, you are there also. Amen

Location/Organisation: Congresbury History Group.

Lectionary Readings: Romans 4: 13—18; Matthew 1: 18—end

March 20th

Psalms: 32 (MP), 140 (EP)

From the ToyBox Prayer Guide: Saturday 20th March is International Day of Happiness, and we take this opportunity to give thanks for the moments of happiness street children have been able to experience, thanks to your support. We invite you to share in the joy of the 577 children who were registered with their birth certificates in the last financial year. This means that more than 6,200 children, across four countries, have been registered since 2013. That is really worth celebrating!

Location/Organisation: Homes in Smallway and Sheppey's Mill.

Lectionary Readings: Jeremiah 20: 7—end; John 7: 1—13

Sunday March 21st

5th Sunday of Lent

Stockers: Dear Lord, Today is Gemma's 21st birthday. We give thanks for her zest for her life, enthusiasm for all she does and diligence in her studies, but most of all for her love of people and of God, and the quietness that she never brings to family life!! We also pray for Ian's mum and dad who today celebrate their 62nd wedding anniversary, and give thanks for their continued overall good health. We also remember Sonya's Dad who passed away two years ago on the 28th, for his life and his love of family. These are the contrasts of life Lord, and we know you are there in our beginning, our middle and at the end. Amen.

Location/Organisation: The people and businesses of Bristol Road.

Lectionary Readings: Hebrews 5: 5—10; John 12: 20—33

March 22nd

Psalms: 73 (MP), 26 (EP)



Appleshed: There have been some changes within Appleshed and the trustees are looking to appoint new Practitioners. Please pray for the right people to apply and be selected, and for wisdom and insight in this for the trustees. We give thanks for the great support from Chickenshed in London, and look forward to exciting new beginnings with workshops and online activities when the circumstances are right. Amen.

Location/Organisation: Homes in Gooseham Mead.

Lectionary Readings: Jeremiah 21: 1—10; John 11: 28—44

March 23rd

Psalms: 35 (MP), 61 (EP)

TearFund: Pray for God to comfort those around the world who are grieving the loss of loved ones, and for those who may be feeling isolated or lonely by being in lockdown. Pray for Tearfund and other aid organisations to be able get food, financial aid and emotional support to people whose already fragile circumstances have become desperate because of the pandemic.

Location/Organisation: The Ball Park and those who use it.

Lectionary Readings: Jeremiah 22: 1—5, 13—19; John 11: 45—end

March 24th

Psalms: 55 (MP), 85 (EP)



NHS: Father, we give you thanks for all the hard work being done through the NHS. We pray your blessing on all the staff who have worked so many extra hours over the past year, and pray that their workload may soon reduce to reasonable levels.

Location/Organisation: The church's sidesmen and women.

Lectionary Readings: Jeremiah 22: 20—23: 8; John 12: 1—11

March 25th

Psalms: 111 (MP), 131 (EP)

Farming Community Network (FCN): This is a Christian support group for farming families. The Somerset Group Coordinator is a lady called Suzie Wilkinson. Please can we pray for Suzi as she supports so many farmers and their families. Please can we also pray for Rob and Lizzie and all farmers, that they may know God's guiding hand everyday that they work the land for us.

Location/Organisation: Those who prepare the communion table, and those who help serve communion.

Lectionary Readings: Hebrews 10: 4–10; Luke 1: 26–38

March 26th

Psalms: 22 (MP), 31 (EP)

Barry Sparks: Dear Lord as we approach Easter and think of your sacrifice for us, we are reminded of the sacrifices many of your flock have made over the last year to try and limit the effect of COVID 19. For some the restrictions have been relatively easy to deal with but for others they have been a hard and seemingly endless period of denial and distance. As we look forward, we can do so with optimism that the vaccine roll out will help ease restrictions and life will begin to return to a more social and communal setting which for many has been the challenge of the last year. We look forward then to Easter, to a time of reflection and thanks. For bringing us safe through a year of great challenge and heartache for many and we pray for your continued oversight in the year ahead.

Location/Organisation: For the church members from Puxton and

Lectionary Readings: Jeremiah 24; John 12: 20–36a

March 27th

Psalms: 23 (MP), 130 (EP)

Government: For our government and civil service we pray for wisdom and strength, and a reasoned and measured approach to lead us out of lockdown and help us return to a healthy, safe and active life for us all.

Location/Organisation: For the Pastoral carers.

Lectionary Readings: Jeremiah 25: 1–14; John 12: 36b–end



Sunday March 28th

Palm Sunday

Matt: I love Palm Sunday, particularly walk they do in Congresbury from the Millennium Green to the Church often sharing a simple Passion play as we go and following the 'donkey.' In more recent times the 'donkey' has in fact become a horse belonging to Mark Penfold's daughter Crystal. Mark kindly brings the horse down from the site at Moorlands Park in Hewish and it has become readying that the horse walks in and through the church and out the other side after doing so as a surprise some years ago. We don't know whether such a procession will be possible this year. But as we begin Holy Week can we pray for everyone up at the Traveller site at Moorlands Park many of whom have had their own tough journeys through this time but who look to the same hope in Jesus and who with us shout, "Hosanna, to the Son of David. Lord of Lords and King of Kings. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord."

Location/Organisation: The homes on Rhodyate Hill, and Wood Hill

Lectionary Readings: Philippians 2: 5–end; Mark 11: 1–11

March 29th

Psalms: 41 (MP), 25 (EP)

Jean & Jim Shawcross: We pray in these difficult times that we all work together to help protect our world and all its living creatures from over indulgence and destruction of the environment. Let us value our beautiful homeland and give thanks. We pray also that the physicians manage to conquer COVID 19 and bring the pandemic to an end, so that we can all meet again.

Location/Organisation: Methodist Ladies Friendly Circle

Lectionary Readings: Lamentations 1: 1–12a; Luke 22: 1–23

March 30th

Psalms: 27 (MP), 55 (EP)

Living Faith: Lord please guide our 'Living Faith' group. We love watching the bible figures brought to life in 'The Chosen'. Help us not only learn more about you, but to grow closer to you and each other through these meetings. Amen

Location/Organisation: For the Vet School at Langford.

Lectionary Readings: Lamentations 3: 1–18; Luke 22: 39–53

March 31st

Psalms: 102 (MP), 88 (EP)

Ali & Paul Tivey: Father God, thank you for the NHS. We pray for government investment and support and for the well being of all the health and care workers. Many of whom have worked extra long shifts and have had to find the courage to go into work everyday.

Location/Organisation: For Congresbury Carers.

Lectionary Readings: Jeremiah 11: 18–20; Luke 22: 54–end