




ST JOHN'S & ST MARTIN'S
WONERSH BLACKHEATH
PARISH CHURCHES



PRAYER TOPICS
March 2025

People may spurn our appeals, reject our message, oppose our arguments, despise our persons, but they are helpless against our prayers.

Suggestions to start off your prayers for some issues the Lord cares about...

<p>Saturday 1st March</p>	<p>Pray for tomorrow's services and the second Alpha session, for the Holy Spirit to be working in everyone.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 am All age (David leading, Clare speaking) • 3-4.30 pm Alpha • 6 pm Blackheath Holy Communion (Colin)
<p>Sunday 2nd March</p>	<p>Pray for the PCC meeting tomorrow, for a prayerful and united spirit, for routine business to be concluded quickly, and for the main focus to be on aspects of mission. With the APCM next month, also pray about the right people to be called as new churchwarden and new members.</p>
<p>Monday 3rd March</p>	 <p>Pray for David, our Vicar. Pray for him to manage his workload without a sense of strain. Pray for the Holy Spirit to be at the heart of everything he does, anointing his preaching, his prayer life and his vision, bringing much fruit and protecting him from all attacks of the evil one.</p>
<p>Tuesday 4th March</p>	<p>Pray for Palestine in the increasingly fraught situation. The hatred that drives Hamas is not lessened, nor Israel's ruthless land-grabbing. America also has abandoned any pretence of respect for international law. Pray for God to glorify His name.</p>
<p>Wednesday 5th March</p>	 <p>Pray for the Chatterbox meeting tomorrow and each Thursday during term. Pray that in the time before families move through the toddler phase, all the parents will have found Christ for themselves. Pray for Clare and her teams, for the Lord to bring much lasting fruit.</p>
<p>Thursday 6th March</p>	<p>Pray for Ukraine, for many to turn to Christ and for military success. Ask God to guide and strengthen President Zelenskyy. Stopping a war is easy if you surrender (and no conditions</p>

	agreed to as part of that surrender would be adhered to by Putin). Ask God for miraculous protection for Ukraine.
Friday 7 th March	Pray for our mission partner Great Lakes Outreach (GLO) who work in Burundi. Pray for full partner APRID, whose mission is to reach out to Muslims in love to present them with the gospel through any means available, e.g. public debates, door-to-door outreach, putting stories on social media. APRID trains churches and produces printed resources for both Christians and Muslims to engage healthily and knowledgeably, avoiding polemics and misrepresentation. Where Muslim-background believers are persecuted, APRID assists financially. "Muslims are not our enemies... they are desperate to know the truth."
Saturday 8 th March	Pray for tomorrow's services and the third Alpha session, asking God to soften hearts and open minds, and to speak directly to everyone involved. Pray for warm friendship in the Alpha group. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 am BCP Communion (Patsy) • 10 am Morning Worship (Nick Bamber leading, Caroline Stearman preaching) • 3-4.30 pm Alpha
Sunday 9 th March	Pray for the UK government, particularly in its international responsibilities. Pray too for the devolved governments and mayors, dealing with vital local issues. Pray for a spirit of service at every level. Ask God for mercy on our nation.
Monday 10 th March	Pray for outreach in our parish. Culturally, the gospel is not an acceptable topic of conversation. Pray for God to break this down in our parish, giving all Christians the needed gifts in their particular situation, so we are truly 'the salt of the earth'.
Tuesday 11 th March	 Pray for Paddy in all his work as International Chaplain for <i>Jews for Jesus</i> (25 hours a week plus specific events) and specially for tomorrow, as he leads a retreat all day on Zoom for staff in Israel (Zoom all day can be stressful for all concerned!). The work is to bring Jews to faith in Jesus as true Messiah without asking them to lose their Jewish culture.
Wednesday 12 th March	Pray for our county, borough and parish councils as they deliver local services on inadequate funds. Ask God to prosper the work and thinking of both councillors and staff. This is added to by the government's plans to reorganise local government over the next three years, which requires substantial work now.
Thursday 13 th	Pray for our bellringers, and for all church bellringers in the Guildford diocese, as they remind people of the church in their

March	neighbourhood. Pray for more ringers, as many churches are short. Pray that those for whom it is just a hobby will find Christ.
Friday 14 th March	Pray for our children's groups on a Sunday and in the monthly all-age services. Pray that they will get to trust Jesus as a friend, and their families too, for their whole lives.
Saturday 15 th March	Pray for tomorrow's services and the fourth Alpha session. Ask God to take away all blockages to faith in Christ. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 am Holy Communion (David) • 3-4.30 pm Alpha • 6 pm Blackheath Evensong (David)
Sunday 16 th March	Pray for refugees all over the world. With the US and UK cutting overseas aid savagely their plight is likely to become worse. Ask God to reach out to them in mercy, and think what you can do.
Monday 17 th March	 Pray for Bishop Sospeter in Kibondo, NW Tanzania. Pray for his walk with the Lord and for his family, and for skill and faithfulness in leadership in the diocese, and in his own ministry. Pray for him as he retires this autumn, and that the new bishop will be a true man of God, full of the Spirit.
Tuesday 18 th March	Pray for the government to pursue vigorously better trade and other relationships with the EU. Also for God to minimise the harms done by any tariffs imposed by President Trump.
Wednesday 19 th March	Pray for our seniors' ministry, for the Thursday services, and for the lives of our older folk to be led by the Holy Spirit for all of each week. Ask God to make them a blessing to all they meet.
Thursday 20 th March	Continue to pray for Ukraine, its people and their leaders, and for the outcome of the war with Russia. Ask God to overrule in the actions of both the American and Russian governments, for peace with justice, and the growth of His kingdom.
Friday 21 st March	 Pray for Mim Friday, our mission partner with Viva. Ask God to keep her close to Him at all times. Pray for wisdom, insight, and clarity as Viva's team continue writing funding proposals to potential partners and donors. Pray also for the smooth rollout of a new <i>Quality Improvement System</i> in all six Viva Africa Networks, and that it will improve the overall impact of their work.
Saturday 22nd March	Pray for tomorrow's services and the fifth Alpha session. Ask God to strengthen our experience of Him. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 am CW Communion (Colin)

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Sunday 23rd March	Pray for the ongoing coronavirus situation across the world, especially for everyone suffering from long Covid. Many are prevented from working. Pray for their deepest needs to be met
Monday 24 th March	Pray for our mission partner the Downslink Group YMCA, and particularly the work of the Guildford Foyer, which houses 30 single young people with support needs. Pray for the chaplains.
Tuesday 25 th March	Pray for the USA and its new administration, which seems to thrive on meanness and have no interest in truth or the rule of law. Pray that God will restrain the resulting evil and bring good.
Wednesday 26 th March	Pray for our Connect groups, that they will bring strength and inspiration to their members, and Holy Spirit led care for each other. Ask God for comfort but also challenge and growth.
Thursday 27 th March	Pray about man-made climate change. With greenhouse gas emissions at their highest level ever, and the US giving up all 'green' policies, we need to seek God urgently.
Friday 28 th March	Pray for new families in our churches, for the welcome they get the first time they come, for them to feel comfortable to come back, and quickly establish a place in our church family.
Saturday 29 th March	Pray for tomorrow's service, and the last Alpha session. Ask God to go on changing us. Pray for the right plans for Alpha follow-up, and for all those who have been exploring faith to have encountered Jesus. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 am Holy Communion (David leading, Jan preaching)
Sunday 30 th March	Pray for the people of Sudan. Around 25 million, nearly half the population, are in desperate need. The conflict shows no sign of ending, and more and more people are being violently uprooted
Monday 31 st March	Pray for the aftermath of Alpha, in follow-up groups, one-to-one nurture, and spiritual growth and protection for those who have given their lives to Christ. Pray for any who have not yet given their lives to Christ. Pray for God's leading about future Alphas.



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