



Pray for our Parish ~ March 2020

Robert & Carole

- Please pray for energy and wisdom for Robert in prioritising his current workload as he is feeling tired and quite stressed at the moment
- Please pray for safety, encouragement and spiritual refreshment for Robert and Carole as they attend the national New Wine Leaders Conference in Harrogate from 3rd to 5th March
- Please pray for Robert as he prepares for the various Easter services

Jim & Brenda

- Please pray for Jim in his ministry both in the church and in the Fire Brigade where he has the role of Chaplain
- Pray for Brenda in her constant support for Jim, and her ministry within the church

Churchwardens, PCC Members, Church Administrator (and PCC Secretary), PCC Treasurer & Verger

- Give thanks for a good PCC meeting on 25th February as they focussed on mission and outreach
- Please pray for the PCC as they finalise the APCM report at their meeting on Thursday 26th March
- Please continue to pray for our Churchwardens Paul Rawlings and Amit John and for Tina Lewis as Treasurer, particularly as she prepares the year end accounts
- Please continue to pray for healing for Rachel (our Church Administrator, PCC Secretary and Verger) and particularly in her role as PCC Secretary in the weeks leading up to the APCM

Finance

- Please continue to pray for a discernment of how the church can increase its income to further God's kingdom. Please also pray for the finalisation of the annual accounts for 2019

Youth & Children's Work

- Please pray for our wonderful team of Sunday Seeker's volunteers who faithfully continue to serve the church and our young people, week in and week out
- Please continue to pray for our flourishing "TotZone" toddler group and for our schools' work, particularly "Open the Book"

Fabric

- Please continue to pray for the prioritised fabric tasks, both large and small
- Please pray the appropriate funding can be found for some of the more urgent and larger fabric issues
- Please pray that suitable dates can be found for Spring Churchyard mornings at both St Peter's and St Leonard's

IET

- Give thanks that the St Peter's Centre continues to be used most days of the week
- Please continue to pray that the appropriate funding/grants can be obtained to freshen up the building and install appropriate and modern technology
- Please pray for the next Trustee meeting on 9th March
- Please continue to pray that appropriate new tenants can be found for the Upper Room

Mission

- The Mission prayer focus for March is for our partner the Church Army...

The Church Army see Lent as an opportunity for service and evangelism, to take things up rather than give them up. We particularly pray for their work with the Marylebone Centre Project in London that provides long and short term beds to homeless women and offers essential

facilities and support. At this time of year when we are experiencing bad weather and huge demands upon our Health Service, we pray that the Church Army has sufficient resources to continue to offer this vital outreach support to these vulnerable women...that their fellowship and ministry gives hope and draws those in need to the love of Jesus.

The Church Army's challenge to each of us, as a supporter of their work and ministry, is to inspire and challenge ourselves to share our faith in words and actions throughout Lent in our local community. Therefore, as a church, we pray for God's guidance as we reflect on our own mission and outreach plans - that they show God's love in the homes, streets and lives around us in Iver, so that others are drawn to know him. We pray that we consider our own individual support for this outreach and that we look to offer our help in terms of our time and talents, however small, to make our plans a success.

Pastoral Concerns

- Pray for all who are perceived as 'different' in our community. Pray for more open acceptance, seeing them as all God's people. Pray that we can include them in our church family
- Pray for all who may be struggling with ill health, for your strength in them and your love to ease their everyday lives
- For all children to be safe in the 'cyber' world they inhabit. With God's will and guidance in all that they do.

Sarah Smith and Carole Gooding (both studying for ordination)

- Please pray for perseverance and energy. Please pray for the wisdom to balance their time between their ongoing studies and other commitments
- Please continue to pray for Carole as plans are finalised for a new "training Incumbent" to replace Rod Cosh who moves away to Bristol after Easter
- Please continue to pray for healing, comfort and strength for Sarah who is still struggling with ill health

Thanksgiving and Future Events

Please pray for:

- Cameo on 7th March
- 'Mad March Quiz' on 7th March
- 'Engaged Couples Weekend' on 7th/8th March
- Tea, Chat & Company on 10th March
- PCC Meeting on 26th March