

**Sunday 23...** Pray for those who serve as members of the PCC and give thanks for their important role in the mission of the Church.

**Monday 24...** Our Annual Parochial Meeting is tonight. Pray for a really good attendance this year, and for all who will be standing for election as Church Wardens and Sidespeople.

**Tuesday 25...** Interserve: Elspeth and over 30 other Christian colleagues working in that same country are still awaiting renewed visas. Pray for a change of heart and mind in the officials holding these back.

**Wednesday 26...** Schools and infrastructure were wiped out in the 2016 hurricane in Haiti; families need assistance with hygiene and sanitation. Pray that staff at Tearfund will have wisdom and strength to respond in the most effective and compassionate way possible.

**Thursday 27...** Pray for the Trustees of St Mary's Homes Trust who meet tonight.

**Friday 28...** Give thanks for our Youth Group, which meets today, and pray for the young people who attend.

**Saturday 29...** The Quiet Day at London School of Theology takes place today. Pray that those who attend will find peace, quiet and time to reflect.

**Sunday 30...** Pray for peace and protection for the persecuted church around the world and give thanks that we can worship the Lord freely here in the UK.

Please supply any prayer requests for May 2017 by Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>  
April 2017 to [office@stmarysealing.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarysealing.org.uk)



Tearfund is a Christian charity called to follow Jesus wherever the need is greatest. It works to help communities around the world escape the very worst effects of poverty and disaster. It works alongside local churches and other locally-based organisations to help realise these plans for a better future.

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Please pray or thank God for...

**Saturday 1...** Pray for Ben and Nazerene, who are having their wedding blessing in church today.

**Sunday 2...** Pray for all preparing to celebrate 60 years of Christian Aid Week. Pray for all supporters, collectors and others who will give their time, energy and money to help make a difference.

**Monday 3...** The school holidays begin today. Pray for all families

and those hoping to have some time away, for relaxation and fun.

**Tuesday 4...** Pray for an end to the food shortages and economic strife in Zimbabwe and for peace, stability and just governance. Pray that the country will be turned into an international success story of democracy and peaceful change with the church leading the way and being a source of hope.

**Wednesday 5...** We need a big team of Wardens and Deputies to serve at St Mary's on Sundays. Pray that God will raise up those he is calling.

**Thursday 6...** Pray for a good time for all those meeting at the New Inn to hear Jenny Baker speak about her new book, and the way that running helped her cope with her diagnosis of cancer.

**Friday 7...** Pray for our CMS Mission partners, Ben and Katy Ray, managing Neema Crafts in Tanzania. They ask for prayer to replace the volunteer managers who have just returned to the USA.

**Saturday 8...** Pray for Grace's Easter Vigil, which takes place today.

**Sunday 9...** Today is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. "As we remember how Jesus entered Jerusalem, help us to worship him afresh into our hearts and lives, and give us a real sense of expectation as we look towards his coming Kingdom."

**Monday 10...** Pray for the Worship Leaders and Preachers team as they meet to prepare services for the summer term. Thank God for all the visiting preachers and speakers who have been at St Mary's over the past few months.

**Tuesday 11...** Pray for JustOne at the Emirates Stadium this July, when J. John will be preaching the Good News to thousands of Christians and their "just ones".

**Wednesday 12...** Give thanks that the Coptic Christians continue to witness to their faith in spite of terrorist activity and the recent murder of 40 Coptic Christians. Pray for strength and courage.

**Thursday 13...** Pray as we meet for Holy Communion tonight and remember Jesus' Last Supper with his friends.

**Friday 14...** On this most holy day, pray for the Walk of Witness this morning and for our 3 hour service from 12pm until 3pm. "Thank you Lord Jesus that you loved us so much that you died for us, willingly taking the Way of the Cross."

**Saturday 15...** SAT-7: Give thanks for SAT-7 and their goal of making God's love visible across the Middle East Region and North Africa. Pray that millions may come to know God's love in their lives, and grow in their understanding of Christianity.

**Sunday 16...** "Alleluia, Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!"

**Monday 17...** Lift up Tearfund's partner in Zimbabwe whose programme, Foundation for Farming, helps people to improve their agricultural methods so they can produce more crops and protect themselves from the effects of climate change. Pray that the project would help many to escape hunger and poverty.

**Tuesday 18...** Schools return this week for the summer term. Pray especially for those preparing for exams.

**Wednesday 19...** On 24th March, it was 37 years since the assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero (1917-1980). In the centenary year of his birth, give thanks for his inspiring legacy and pray that it will continue to strengthen those struggling for justice.

**Thursday 20...** After the earthquake in 2010 and Hurricane Matthew in 2016, Haiti remains vulnerable. Pray that food will get to the families most in need - flooding destroyed 80% of the harvest.

**Friday 21...** Lift up the nation of Haiti, all those affected by Hurricane Matthew, and those who have lost loved ones. Ask God to comfort them and to let them know His presence in the midst of their deep grief.

**Saturday 22...** Pray for the plans to run "The Natural Evangelism Course" in May/June.