

Friday 23... Pray for Jonny Baker in his role as CMS Director of Mission Education.

Saturday 24 ... Earth Hour takes place from 8.30pm–9.30pm. Around the globe millions of people, businesses and landmarks will be turning off their lights. Together we can change laws and lives and protect the planet. #Connect2Earth

Sunday 25 ... Palm Sunday. As Christ enters his own city, may we proclaim him as King in our lives, our communities and our nation. Pray for the Mencap service, an Easter service for people with special and extra special needs, followed by refreshments, which takes place at 3pm today.

Monday 26... Schools finish the Spring term this week. Pray for rest, refreshment and re-energising for staff, children and families.

Tuesday 27... CMS: Pray for Chuli Scarfe who coaches girls in cricket in Nepal, especially for her work with former professional cricketer, Subash P, who was badly affected by the 2015 earthquake. Pray that God will continue to work in Subash's heart.

Wednesday 28... 'Jesus our peace, in your Gospel you tell us: when we come together in your name, you are there in our midst. Your presence is invisible but, through the Holy Spirit, you always dwell in our hearts.'

Thursday 29... Maundy Thursday. We gather for Communion tonight, remembering Christ's Last Supper with his friends.

Friday 30... Today is Good Friday. 'Lord Jesus Christ, help us today to recognise more clearly everything you did for us, and so inspire us to give ourselves to you in return. Teach us to walk the way of the cross, and to bear the cost gladly, for the joy set before us, for your name's sake.'

Please supply any prayer requests for April 2018 by Thursday 15 March to office@stmarysealing.org.uk



PRAYER DIARY

March 2018

The Church Mission Society, (CMS) is one of the best known mainstream Anglican Mission Societies working in more than 40 countries including Latin America and the UK. Jonny Baker also works for CMS training pioneer ministers in the UK.

Mission Secretary: Chris Goldsmid

Please pray or thank God for...

Thursday 1... Pray for the CMS Pioneer Leadership course, which has helped to equip more than 200 people to work 'outside the box.'

Friday 2... Women's World Day of Prayer. This year's theme is 'All God's creation is very good' produced by the women of Suriname. Pray for the country of Suriname and all services taking place across the world today.

Saturday 3... Pray for Jennie Paynter's sister, Rachel, who has been having radiotherapy for breast cancer and is due to return to Kuala

Lumpur in mid March. Also for Jennie's sister-in-law Nicci, who is still undergoing treatment for breast cancer and gets very tired.

Sunday 4... Interserve: Elspeth is aware someone is sending anonymous letters against those working at the hospital. This could account for a hold-up for their visas. If visas are not granted very soon two main couples will be leaving. Please pray for a positive outcome swiftly.

Monday 5... The worship leaders and preachers meet tonight to plan services and teaching for the coming months. Pray also for the team cooking the evening meal at the Night Shelter tonight.

Tuesday 6... CMS: Pray for Malcolm, Irene and Dom, who are helping to manage Neema Crafts whilst the Rays are on home leave.

Wednesday 7... The Lent Course continues. Pray that we may be excited, challenged and transformed as we study the material together.

Thursday 8... As we celebrate International Women's day today, pray for the Community Partnership with Honduras and El Salvador and the difference it is making to indigenous women and girls, helping them to get the reproductive and sexual healthcare they need.

Friday 9... Pray that many Iranians will discover SAT-7's Farsi channel, enabling them to hear Him in their own language.

Saturday 10... Pray for the working party de-cluttering the church, helping in the church garden and preparing daffodils for tomorrow's services. Thank God for all the volunteers who support the work of the church in many different ways.

Sunday 11... Today is Mothering Sunday. 'Loving God, like a mother you gather your children as a hen gathers her chicks, for protection and care. Inspire your church to eradicate prejudice and violence against women, children and men, all created in your image.'

Monday 12... Fairtrade Fortnight may have ended, but we can still make choices about our morning brew, commuter coffee, bananas

and chocolate. Look out for the Fairtrade mark and if your local shop doesn't stock what you want, then ask them to do so.

Tuesday 13... Night Shelter. Thank God for all those who are doing the laundry each week, and cleaning the Polygon ready for the next days' events.

Wednesday 14... Take up the plastic-less challenge this Lent; talk about it, encourage family and friends to reduce their daily purchase and use of single-use and throw-away plastics. #PlasticLessLent

Thursday 15... CMS: Praise God for the housing project which has built 21 new homes for staff this year, and a total of 36 homes so far at Neema Crafts. Pray for the money to build more homes.

Friday 16... Pray for Syrian believers who have suffered so much, yet are able to make their voices heard through SAT-7. Pray for healing for those who have been injured and have been through trauma.

Saturday 17... Praise God for the Iranian church, which is one of the fastest-growing churches in the world, despite persecution.

Sunday 18... Pray for our CMS Mission Partners, Ben and Katy Ray with Zachary and Alessia, as they visit St Mary's today and take part in the service. This is a great opportunity to hear more about Neema Crafts and the work going on there.

Monday 19... The PCC meet for the last time before the APCM. Thank God for all who have served the church in the past year.

Tuesday 20... The Night Shelter finishes today. Thank God for all who have used their cars to transport bedding between the various churches.

Wednesday 21... Pray for the annual LCM Camerata and Coldstream Guards concert which takes place in church today.

Thursday 22... Give thanks for World Water Day. Pray for the day when everyone has access to safe water.