

Tuesday 23... Pray for the Ealing Food Bank, open today. For good conversations with clients. For continued supplies to cater for the needs of the Food Bank

Wednesday 24 ... Remember our persecuted brothers and sisters. "O God of justice, we cry out for those who are denied justice, and for all who are persecuted for their faith. Protect them, turn the hearts of those who persecute them, and bring in your kingdom of justice and peace in all places".

Thursday 25 ... Pray that many more churches in this country will hear about SAT-7 and will help support them through prayer and finance.

Friday 26... Pray for all who are preparing for Christian Aid Week in May, which this year focuses on Maternity Services in Sierra Leone; pray for creativity, energy and abundant support for all

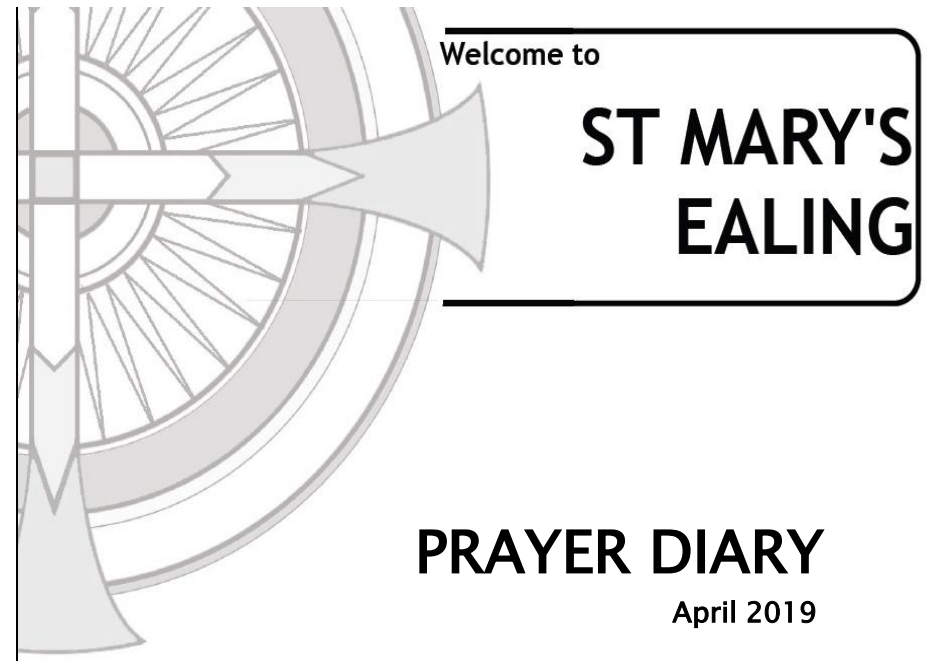
Saturday 27... This morning we have a prayer breakfast as we bring to God our APCM tomorrow and the new PCC.

Sunday 28... Our APCM takes place today in the context of Morning Worship. Pray for large numbers, a sense of God's presence, thanksgiving for the year past and great expectation for the year ahead.

Monday 29... The new PCC meet tonight to elect its officers. Pray for all those elected to serve, that they may know God's presence with them.

Tuesday 30... (Interserve) Pray for all the people across Asia and the Arab world who are benefitting from the work of Interserve partners.

Please supply any prayer requests for May 2018 by Monday 22 April to office@stmarysealing.org.uk



Interserve is a Christian mission agency which aims to see lives and communities transformed through encounters with Jesus Christ. It is involved in Christian missions across Asia, the Middle East and the UK seeking to bring God's love in word and deed to those who need it most. Our mission partner with Interserve is Elspeth Paterson, who is working as a doctor in South Asia.

Mission Secretary: Mary-Jean Bartlett

Please pray or thank God for...

Monday 1... The Worship Leaders, Preachers and Adult Learning Group meet tonight to plan our services and Themes for the summer. Also, for the staff meeting today. Thank God for Jean, Ray, Sandra and the Wardens who keep the church functioning during the week.

Tuesday 2... The PCC meeting to look at the tenders for the work on the Polygon. Pray for wisdom and discernment.

Wednesday 3...(Interserve) Pray for Dr Elspeth going to Islamabad this month hoping to get a visa to return to the UK for much needed rest.

Thursday 4... Pray for Liz France in her role as Chaplain at University of west London. Thank God for all the relationships that she is beginning to build in her work there.

Friday 5... Pray for those preparing for the APCM later this month. As we thank God for those who have held Office this year, also pray that God will raise up new people to take up roles within the church.

Saturday 6... Christian Aid – Women in Sierra Leone are more likely to die in childbirth than complete high school. Give thanks for our partner RADA, who are helping to make a difference to that reality by supporting women to advocate for their rights, and practical help – nurses' stations, solar lights, savings and loans to support women to plan for labour and beyond.

Sunday 7... Pray for plans to expand the work of Neema Crafts in Tanzania. So far they have experienced discouragement on many fronts. Pray for wisdom for the Rays as they move forward with this plan, and may many of the obstacles be removed.

Monday 8... Praise God that SAT-7 programmes are continuing to encourage isolated and persecuted believers. Every day people across the Middle East are becoming followers of Jesus.

Tuesday 9... Continue to pray for the volunteers and clients of the Ealing Food Bank, now also running at Ealing Green URC Church each Tuesday

Wednesday 10... Our Lent Course ends tonight. Thank God for all we have shared together. Thank God for the book "Followers of the Way" and for the impact it has had in helping us to look at our discipleship in fresh and challenging ways.

Thursday 11... Give thanks for the new leaflets produced in Farsi to enable Iranians in this country to watch SAT-7 on TV and on their phones

Friday 12... Pray for our nation today. "God of unity, relationship sits at your heart. Help us to listen to one another and to trust where we doubt, that we may grow in understanding of what it means to be a good neighbour and to build a community of peace".

Saturday 13... All things come from you O Lord, and of your own do we give you

Sunday 14... Together today we celebrate PALM SUNDAY.

Monday 15... Holy Week begins. "Vulnerable God, you chose the way of the servant King, bearing our pain and humiliations. Give us grace to bear each other's crosses and share each other's loads".

Tuesday 16... Pray for Steve, Angela, Alex and Wai Meng

Wednesday 17... (Interserve) Pray for Kevin Wren, Head of Operations UK, as he seeks to build relationships with other Churches and improve communication and fundraising

Thursday 18... May we all acknowledge the significance of Easter

Friday 19... GOOD FRIDAY – We walk in witness this morning, and have a service from 12noon to 3pm. On this most holy day may we spend some time at the foot of the cross, reflecting on our Lord's great love for each of us.

Saturday 20... Pray for all those taking part in the service tomorrow

Sunday 21... EASTER SUNDAY – Alleluia, Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Monday 22... Please pray for Ben and Katy Ray (CMS Mission Partners). Katy is having a baby girl on June 16th. The family are coming back to the UK in May for the birth. Give thanks that their friends Irene and Malcolm Crawford from the UK have agreed to look after Neema whilst the Rays are in the UK. Also they are letting the Rays use their home and car. Pray for plans to expand the work of Neema Crafts in Tanzania. So far they have experienced discouragement on many fronts.