

Tuesday 21... Christian Aid asks “Is it right that Sierra Leone has to pay off debts which come from a major crisis like Ebola, while its people struggle to access even basic healthcare?”

Wednesday 22... Thank God for Polygonian Friends, and for the team providing a meal, friendship and loving service to all who come.

Thursday 23 ... Pray for those who care for loved ones

Friday 24 ... The health clinic is not enough to meet every need, the roof leaks, there are only two delivery beds and when mums come to deliver their babies at night there is no light. We pray that through Christian Aid's partner RADA and the generous giving this Christian Aid week that these things will change.

Saturday 25... Pray for the services tomorrow, for Alex preaching

Sunday 26... Praise God for the work of Nurse Judith (Christian Aid) in Sierra Leone, providing reassurance and helping young mums deliver their babies safely. Pray that she would soon have a better health centre for her to do her work.

Monday 27... Bank Holiday – Pray for families enjoying time together, rest and relaxation.

Tuesday 28... Frank and Rhona Goveia, Frank has now retired from Rye Lane church in Peckham and they have moved to Reading.

Wednesday 29... Remember in prayer all who are ill, in hospital, awaiting test results or treatment

Thursday 30... Ascension Day. “Our God has gone up with a merry shout, the Lord with the sound of the trumpet! Sing praises to God, sing praises!”

Friday 31... We thank God that Loko Jarso, in Ethiopia who was Christian Aid's focus in 2015, who used to walk 8 hours, four times a week to gather firewood to sell to feed her eight children was given a cow and goats and is now able to pay for healthcare for her children.

Please supply any prayer requests for June 2019 by Friday 17 May to office@stmarysealing.org.uk



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Mission Secretary: Jean Barclay

Please pray or thank God for...

Wednesday 1... We pray for all those injured and bereaved in Sri Lanka on Easter Day.

Thursday 2... Interserve. Pray for Elspeth who has been refused a visa by the government of the country where she has served for more than 20 years. She will be returning to the UK this month, and will attend 2 medical conferences before having a much needed rest, and seeking God's plan for her life ahead.

Friday 3... Pray for Sat-7PARS weekly show, “Heavenly Worship” which makes live Persian worship music accessible to isolated believers

Saturday 4... Thank God for our beautiful Church garden where all people can enjoy peace, tranquillity and a sense of God's presence. Pray for the working party today.

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Monday 6... *“Strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow”*

Tuesday 7... The issue of Climate Change has been in the media recently. “Creating God, you have invited us to be co-creators with you and to care for your Creation. We repent of our neglect and ask that you help us to be responsible stewards of Creation, and to work together for the preservation of the earth”.

Wednesday 8... Pray for God's protection especially over Iranian and Chinese house churches or fellowship groups who meet together despite the risks.

Thursday 9... To God be the Glory. GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE!!!

Friday 10... Pray for the recently elected PCC members, and all who serve at St. Mary's in a variety of ways.

Saturday 11... SAT-7. Pray for the programme “City of Stars” which is working with children with mental health issues, hoping to challenge the prejudice that they often face in the region. Countless lives in the Middle East have been disrupted by conflict and political turmoil, causing many mental health problems.

Sunday 12... Praise God for Christian Aid Week and for the collectors, event organisers, sponsored walkers, and many more who make this the biggest week of Christian witness across the UK and Ireland. Pray that everything will run smoothly, and there would be a real sense of celebration in communities across the British Isles this week.

Monday 13... Pray for our Ealing MP's, Rupa Huq, Steve Pound and Virendra Sharma as they seek to serve their constituents in Parliament.

Tuesday 14... Praise God for His healing hand upon Ben Ray. The love and care of the staff was wonderful and Ben was soon “on his feet again” after fainting, and even played “touch rugby” the next day. Pray for each of the inspiring individuals Ben and Katy work with every day, that they will come to know Jesus better through their work at Neema Crafts.

Wednesday 15... For Polygonian Friends, for good conversation

Thursday 16... Tonight is the Archdeacon's Visitation and celebration service, taking place at St. Mary's this year. Pray for all Church Wardens as they are sworn in and especially our own Church Wardens. Thank God for all they do for us.

Friday 17... Pray for the companies who have been given the contracts to do the work on the Polygon, and for all the preparation that has to be done before the work can start next month.

Saturday 18... Praise God for the love in action demonstrated this Christian Aid Week. Pray for a safe and joyful Circle the City walk in London on 19 May, and give thanks for the Circle the City walks that have happened in Birmingham and Manchester.

Sunday 19... For those attending the follow-up Church Growth course on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. *“Designed to help your church grow in both depth and breadth”*

Monday 20... Imagine – being arrested for possessing a bible; arriving for a service to find that the government has closed the church; finding yourself in prison because you talked to someone about Jesus. This is the reality for many Christians around the world. Pray for them.