



Uxbridge Parish

Prayer Diary – September 2020



1st	Dear God, please help us to welcome our new Parish Administrator, Jeffery ('Jeff') Rea , to Uxbridge Team Ministry. We give thanks for his appointment and ask that you are with him as he eases himself into the role.
2nd	Dear God, we thank you that many people continue to turn to the church for answers during these unprecedented times. Help the leaders of the Church of England find ways to serve as a beacon of light so that more people may come to know your love and be enabled to draw close to you.
3rd	Father God, as schools prepare to return this week for the new academic year , we give thanks for the dedication of teachers and support staff in schools. We pray for the safety of all students and staff returning to school, and for those students whose education is continuing online.
4th	We pray for political harmony across our country and internationally. Please help political parties and countries to work together harmoniously for the greater good and not use this time to score political points against each other.

5 th	We pray for those involved in the meeting today to explore how we can continue the children and families ministry in our parish in these new times.
6 th Sunday	We give thanks today for the opportunity to worship in our churches , albeit in different circumstances than we would ideally like, and we look forward to the day when whole congregations are able to return to public worship together. Help us to sustain each other in fellowship during these changed times.
7 th	<p>Please pray today for the wider staff meeting and the decisions that will be taken today.</p> <p>Please pray today as we welcome the new Archdeacon of Northolt, The Venerable Catherine Pickford, may she be granted guidance and wisdom in this new role.</p>
8 th	We pray for wisdom and guidance for the clergy chapter meeting taking place tomorrow.
9 th	<p>Father we pray for those on St. A's and St. M's Standing Committees. Grant them wisdom and discernment in all their discussions and decisions.</p> <p>Please pray for the family of Ena Sarson as her funeral takes place today at St Margaret's</p>
10 th	Dear God, on World Suicide Prevention Day , we pray for all those who live their lives in darkness and despair. Provide comfort to them and help them to see that their lives matter and that suicide is not the answer to their problems. Be also with those who work to provide support for those with poor mental health and grant them wisdom and guidance as they work in these difficult roles.

<p>11th</p>	<p>We pray today for all those who work to spread the message of anti-racism. Teach all your people to love one another unconditionally as we are all your children.</p>
<p>12th</p>	<p>Please pray for Christians throughout the world who are persecuted because of their faith in the Lord Jesus. Remember especially at this time believers in countries on the Open Doors World Watch list (currently 260 million Christians in over 50 countries).</p>
<p>13th Sunday</p>	<p>We pray today for all those who are lonely. Loneliness is an affliction of our modern world and this has been exacerbated by the pandemic as many people have lost their sources of support. Help us to take time to connect with others as we would wish them to connect with us in the same situation.</p>
<p>14th</p>	<p>We pray for all those preparing to start college or university in the coming weeks. Whilst this is an exciting time, it can also be an anxious one for both the students and their parents as many are moving away from home for the first time and we ask that you are with them as they take these important steps.</p>
<p>15th</p>	<p>Today we lift to you all those who are blind or whose sight is failing.</p>
<p>16th</p>	<p>Today we ask your blessing on all those who work for charities, both to provide support to those in need and those who work to raise funds to pay for this charitable work in our own town, nationally and internationally.</p>
<p>17th</p>	<p>Father God, you encourage us to pray for all people. I especially pray for</p> <p><i>(please take some time for those who have asked for our prayers and are listed on the bulletin sheet).</i></p>

<p>18th</p>	<p>Lord Jesus, who healed the sick and gave them new life, be with doctors, nurses and carers, as they act as agents of your healing touch. In these desperate times, keep them strong yet loving; and when their work is done, be with them in their weariness and in their tears.</p>
<p>19th</p>	<p>Pray today for those who live in your road that they will have the opportunity in their lifetime to hear the good news of Jesus Christ and the chance to ask him to be part of their lives.</p>
<p>20th Sunday</p>	<p>We pray for tomorrow's International Day of Peace. We give thanks for the United Nations and all who strive for world peace.</p>
<p>21st</p>	<p>On World Alzheimer's Day, we pray for all those suffering dementia, confusion or mental illness. We pray too for their families and all who care for those suffering with this dreadful condition.</p>
<p>22nd</p>	<p>On this first day of Autumn we give thanks for our beautiful world, particularly as we see plants and trees begin to prepare for the colder weather. Help us to be fit custodians of all this wonderful world and not destroy it through our wastefulness and constant striving for more material things.</p>
<p>23rd</p>	<p>Heavenly Father we lift to you those members of the Church Councils who discuss the hard decisions about worship, finance and use of the buildings affecting our lives, ministry and worship at St. Andrew's and St. Margaret's in Uxbridge. Please lead and guide them in their discussions and decisions that your will be done and your kingdom come here in Uxbridge, now and always.</p>

<p>24th</p>	<p>Father we thank you for the work of Hillingdon Foodbank reaching out with your love to those in need, particularly at this time of increased need. We thank you for new volunteers coming forward to help and we ask that you continue to bless the work they are doing. Please prompt people continue to make donations.</p>
<p>25th</p>	<p>We pray today for all those suffering from Cancer. We pray for those who have cancer, those who are undergoing treatment and those who are receiving palliative care. We pray for those seeking a cure for cancer, those who tend to the sick and those who provide support to cancer sufferers and their families. We also pray for those who raise funds and those who work for cancer charities.</p>
<p>26th</p>	<p>On the European Day of Languages today, we ask prayers for all people who use their language skills to work for continued harmony across nations.</p>
<p>27th Sunday</p>	<p>Father, we ask your prayers today for Erica Wilding at her ordination taking place at St Paul's today. Be with her and her peers as they are ordained today and guide them in their role as priests from this day forward.</p>
<p>28th</p>	<p>We pray today for all those who are struggling in their relationships with others, particularly with their partners or family members. May Christ who came to reconcile us with God also bring reconciliation to our relationships with others.</p>
<p>29th</p>	<p>On the day we remember St Michael and all Angels and pray for all those who have acted as God's messengers for us and that we might in turn do so for others.</p>

30th

Lord Jesus please enable those on the **Parish Standing Committee** to work with the PCC to make the right decisions for the well-being of your buildings and the care of your people in Uxbridge. May the decisions they take today help to spread your word amongst the people of Uxbridge.

During September* we ask for prayers for:

St Andrew's: Madeleine Wheeler, Habib.

St Margaret's: Jill and her family; Anne Lambell; Michael Reynolds; Penny P, Vera, Baby Mariana, Rita, Marjatta, Lisa Regan, Adrian and Natasha Harding and family.

**The prayer list is renewed each month.*

If you would like to remain on the prayer list for September, or would like to add someone (after obtaining their permission), please contact the parish office know before 14 September (tel. 01895 258766 or email: office@uxbridgeparish.org).

We remember in faith and love those who have died recently including Jim D'Castro and Lynda Whitehead and those whose anniversaries occur this month, including: Doris Elliott, Charles Sansom, Frank Woodruff, Margaret Allen, Len Bowd, Kathleen Badhams, Ernest Coleshill, Grace Carroll, Vera Thomas, Artie Tasker, Norman Marshall, Chris Wright, Barry Holland, Ellen Bird, Howard Stone, Monica Croly, Edith Hawkins, David Smith, Margaret Davies, Eileen Bradley, Jack Bridge, Mary Grainger, Florrie Keogh, Nigel Marshall, Richard Simmonds, Sylvia Tasker, Winifred Montague, Ivy Rolfe, Liza Parker and Jan Stanton.

