

## **Adoration Psalm 103:**

Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits – who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel: the LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbour his anger for ever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

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The life of mortals is like grass, they flourish like a flower of the field; the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more. But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children – with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.

The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all. Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.

Praise the LORD, all his works, everywhere in his dominion.

Praise the LORD, my soul.

# Luke 10:38-42

At the home of Martha and Mary

<sup>38</sup> As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, 'Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!'

<sup>41</sup> 'Martha, Martha,' the Lord answered, 'you are worried and upset about many things, <sup>42</sup> but few things are needed – or indeed only one.<sup>[a]</sup> Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.'

# **Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving:**

You are the God who formed us,
The God who knows us,
The God who loves us,
The God who leads us,
The God who feeds us,
The God who blesses us,
The beginning and end
of all that we are,
and hope to be.
Worthy of our praise.

Light of light,
Lord of Lords,
God of this world
and the next,
We give you thanks
for the promise of this day,
We give you thanks
for the challenge of this day,
We give you thanks
for the blessings of this day.
Light of light,
Lord of Lords,
God of this world
and the next,
We give you thanks

# A Message from Katrina and Andy:

At our Harvest Festival services last Sunday, it was announced that I will be leaving St Mary's at the end of the year to take up a new post as Associate Minister (with responsibility for the development of work with children, young people and families) at a church in Nottingham.

The role is broad, combining both broader ministerial responsibility with oversight of their work with children, young people and families.

This comes after much prayer and discussion and deliberation, and as much as we are excited about the challenges that are ahead, we are going to be sad to be leaving the friends and church family that we have come to know and love over the past 2 and a half years- we are so thankful for the blessing that St Mary's and the community of Hartfield has been to us as a family. The move brings better access to medical and other support for Alex, and more close family support, which over the past 2 years has been increasingly needed, especially in regard to Alex's hospital appointments.

We value your thoughts and prayers over the coming months as we prepare to move- a 200 mile move is not an easy thing, especially around Christmas time. Pray for Alex and Lucy as they prepare to change school, home and church in one go!

Finally, please pray for St Mary's and particularly for Rev'd Julie as we transition through this time together, reflecting and seeking God for his leading for the future.

Katrína, Andy, Alex and Lucy

## Small Group Prayer Course Autumn 2018

The Apostle Paul tells us to "Pray in the Spirit, on all occasions, with all kinds of prayers and requests..." (Ephesians 6:18). But how can we really pray like that? If you have been wanting more from your prayer life and wanting to be closer to God, you may be interested in the new '24/7 Prayer Course'.

The course is based on the Lord's Prayer; you might like to check it out on-line.

# https://www.24-7prayer.com/prayer-course

The Course began this week on October 15<sup>th</sup> & 16th, and will be backed by a Sermon Series. We would love to welcome you into one of the Small Groups.

Timings: Monday Lunchtime 1:00 – 2:45 Tuesday Evening 7:30pm for 7:45pm start. Please speak to Tom or Rosie (01342 319027), or Group Leaders Gill Philcox or Andy Thomas for locations and further details.

The 24/7 Prayer Course for week beginning 15th October, a Small Group is planned for Colemans Hatch which will meet Tuesday afternoon 2pm to 3.30pm. The first session will however meet on 17th October, Wednesday morning at 10.30. due to a Mothers Union meeting.

Please contact Donna Dewar (01342 326424) for location and further details.



## Waffle Group

Please pray for our Waffle Group, 6pm to 7.30pm on Thursday at The Rectory, as they begin the Youth Alpha Course.

## **Becoming A Praying Church**

## What is the purpose of Prayer?

These next few weeks in our small groups and in our sermon series are a wonderful opportunity for each of us to grow closer to the Lord. Today our theme is Adoration. Praise the Lord O my soul: all my inmost being, praise His Holy name.

The disciples ask Jesus to show them how to pray. As they prayed, they found themselves growing in their understanding and love of God. We are really hoping over the next few weeks as a church, we will grow together.

To experience God as we pray - to learn what it means to be People who pray God's will into our world.

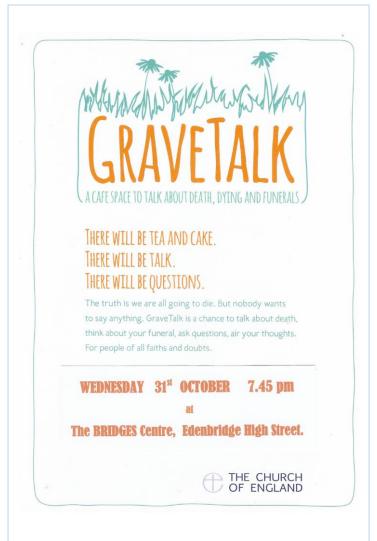
To better understand why the Lord's Prayer is the perfect structure to use in our prayer.

Pete Greig says at the end of the 6 weeks. we should be better able to:

- 1. hear God's voice;
- 2. experience God more in our prayer;
- 3. have processed some of our struggle and disappointment in prayer; and
- 4. even be seeing more miracles because we will have <u>learned how to</u> unlock the Power of Prayer.

Father we adore you. Lay our lives before you. How we love you.

Rev Julie



#### GraveTalk

A Café space to talk about death, dying and funerals.

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 7.45pm at The BRIDGES Centre, Edenbridge High Street.

# **Diary Dates:**

#### 11th November:

Remembrance Day in both churches at 10.45am

Battles Over Event in Hartfield in the evening 6.30pm

#### 2nd December:

4pm Christingle at St Mary's 6.30pm Advent Carol Service at Holy Trinity

#### 7th December:

Lighting of Christmas Tree with communal carol singing pm at St Mary's at 6pm

#### 9th December:

9.30am Christmas Praise service at St Mary's 11am Matins with blessing of Crib, Holy Trinity

#### 14th December:

Live Nativity in Hartfield at 6pm.

#### 16th December:

Nine Lessons and Carols, 6.30pm at St Mary's

#### 23rd December:

Joint Service at St Mary's 9.30am

#### 24th December:

Crib Service at St Mary's, 4pm

#### 24th December:

at both churches 11.15pm Midnight Communion

#### 25th December:

8am BCP Holy Communion at St Mary's & 9.30am Christmas Communion

11am Christmas Communion at Holy Trinity

## **Churches Information**

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#### **Church Services**

#### 21st October

St Mary's 9.30 Holy Communion

Holy Trinity 11.00 Matins

## 28<sup>th</sup> October

St Mary's 8.00 Holy Communion BCP

St Mary's 9.30 Café Church

Holy Trinity 11.00 Holy Communion BCP

#### 4<sup>th</sup> November

St Mary's 9.30 Holy Communion

Holy Trinity 11.00 Sunday Praise

Holy Trinity 18.30 Choral Evensong

#### 11<sup>th</sup> November

St Mary's 10.45 Remembrance Sunday

Holy Trinity 10.45 Remembrance Sunday

## 18<sup>th</sup> November

St Mary's 9.30 Holy Communion

Holy Trinity 11.00 Matins

## 25<sup>th</sup> November:

St Mary's 8.00 Holy Communion BCP

St Mary's 9.30 Café Church

Holy Trinity 11.00 Holy Communion BCP

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> December:

St Mary's 9.30 Holy Communion

Holy Trinity 11.00 Matins

St Mary's 16.00 Christingle

Holy Trinity 18.30 Advent Carols