

The 19th of the month

Topic: Lonely and despairing people

✠ (Psa 25:15-18) My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the net. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.



Pray for churches and ministry:

✠ St. John's weekday services; all who use and care for the church hall; all newly weds; the Church of England's General Synod

Around and about the parish

✠ The Hospice movement - especially for the Phyllis Tuckwell and Woking Hospices; Assisted Bathing Service; Merrow Horticultural Society; Surrey County Council.

Pray for our neighbours in:

✠ Merrow Lane; Merrow Street; Miller Road; Oakley Dell.

Our life at St. John's

✠ For a greater awareness of the needs of those with various physical disabilities

Personal Intercessions and Prayers

Daily themes:

Sundays - Resurrection
Mondays - Pentecost
Tuesdays - Advent
Wednesdays - Christmas
Thursdays - Epiphany
Fridays - The Cross
Saturdays - God's Kingdom

Spiritual Fruit and Gifts

✠ Pray for the gift of FAITH

The 20th of the month

Topic: Racial harmony

✠ (Gal 3:27-28) As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

Pray for churches and ministry:

✠ The choir; the Sunday Club (for children); the Church's funeral and bereavement ministry; the diocesan Parsonages and Property Committee

Around and about the parish

✠ Domestic Help Service; Merrow Lawn Tennis Club; the Area Health Authority and NHS Trusts; for support groups of any kind; Guildford Borough Council.

Pray for our neighbours in:

✠ Old Merrow Street; Park Lane; Parkview Vale; Partridge Way

Our life at St. John's

✠ For an awareness that everyone is made in God's image.

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Spiritual Fruit and Gifts

✠ Pray for the spirit of TOLERANCE

The 21st of the month

Topic: Our responsibility towards developing countries

✠ (Deu 10:17-19) For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

Pray for churches and ministry:

✠ Directors of church music, particularly John Avery and our assistant organist Mavis Martin; those who provide coffee after the 9.30am service; bereavement care; priests in secular employment.

Around and about the parish

✠ Local newspapers; public transport services; Guildford 60+ Club; Merrow Methodist Badminton Club; Social Services - Community Development Co-ordinator (Jeremy Boutwood).

Pray for our neighbours in:

✠ Platt Meadow; Rectory Close; Redwing Rise; Ringmore Drive

Our life at St. John's

✠ Practical concern for third world countries in the products we buy.

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Spiritual Fruit and Gifts

✠ Pray for the gift of HUMILITY

The 22nd of the month

Topic: Education

✠ (Mat 10:24-25)
"A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master ..."

Pray for churches and ministry:

✠ The Bible Reading Fellowship; all who read and pray the scriptures with daily notes; the Sunday Newsheet; Engaged couples; all who teach religious education in schools, especially christians; the Bishop Reindorp CofE Comprehensive School its staff, pupils and parents.

Around and about the parish

✠ Hospital and community transport; Second Wednesday Community Care Lunch Discussions; the Merrow Residents Association.

Pray for our neighbours in:

✠ Saddlers Close; Speedwell Close; Stonecrop Road; Sturt Court

Our life at St. John's

✠ For more opportunities to teach and willingness to learn

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Spiritual Fruit and Gifts

✠ Pray for the gift of COURAGE

The 23rd of the month

Topic: A new dimension of life

✠ (Rom 12:2) Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Pray for churches and ministry:

✠ The Parish Office, administrator and assistants; Churchwardens; Clergy in ordained local ministry; for all who conduct acts of collective worship in schools.

Around and about the parish

✠ Dial-a-ride services; the unemployed; Merrow Village Bowls Club.

Pray for our neighbours in:

✠ Tansy Close; Thrift Vale; Tychbourne Drive; Wells Road

Our life at St. John's

✠ To value and make time for personal and family 're-creation.'

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Spiritual Fruit and Gifts

✠ Pray for the gift of MERCY

The 24th of the month

Topic: International co-operation and peace

✠ (Micah 4:3) He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more;

Pray for churches and ministry:

✠ Vergers and sacristans; Churches Together in Guildford; Church officers - especially PCC Secretary and Treasurer; all involved in the training of lay pastoral assistants.

Around and about the parish

✠ Merrow industrial park; Cancer care groups; Merrow Village Bowling Club.

Pray for our neighbours in:

✠ Windgates; Woodger Close; Banders Rise; Brockway Close

Our life at St. John's

✠ Those of our church who are lonely, depressed or who have mental health problems.

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Spiritual Fruit and Gifts

✠ Pray for the gift of JUSTICE

The 25th of the month

Topic: A child-like disposition

✠ (Luke 9:47-48) ... Jesus ... took a little child and put it by his side, and said to them, "Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me; for the least among all of you is the greatest."



Pray for churches and ministry:

✠ For those who serve in the church; Churches Together in Surrey; people who receive holy communion at home; our Parochial Church Council (PCC); the Diocesan Stewardship Advisory Group.

Around and about the parish

✠ For those tempted to suicide; Carer support groups; Caring for our Carers - Guildford Crossroads; Merrow Village Club.

Pray for our neighbours in:

✠ Burwood Close; Bushy Hill Drive; Finches Rise; Four Acres

Our life at St. John's

✠ For those who do not know the transforming love of Christ.

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Spiritual Fruit and Gifts

✠ Pray for the gift of GRATITUDE

The 26th of the month

Topic: Conversion to the way of Christ

✠ (Phil 2:5-7) Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form,

Pray for churches and ministry:

✠ Our local ecumenical council - Together in Christ (TIC); St. Pius X Roman Catholic church, it's people and parish priest; the Guildford diocesan secretary; Diocesan communications - especially the work of Grayswood Studio.

Around and about the parish

✠ Care for and stewardship of, our environment and countryside; Clubs and organisations for the disabled; Merrow Village Hall.

Pray for our neighbours in:

✠ Great Godwin Drive; Hall Dene Close; Hillfield Close; Kingswood Close

Our life at St. John's

✠ For a greater sense of sharing and belonging to our Christian family

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Spiritual Fruit and Gifts

✠ Pray for the gift of SINCERITY

The 27th of the month
Topic: Protection and safety in the community

✠ (Isa 11: 6 & 9) The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

Pray for churches and ministry:

✠ St. John's Womens Fellowship; Merrow Methodist Church - it's people and minister; the Diocesan Herald; Retired clergy and clergy widows.

Around and about the parish

✠ Local newspapers and radio; Retirement associations; Newlanders Historical and Social Clubs; for all who maintain our roads.

Pray for our neighbours in:

✠ Ledger Close; Little Hide; Long Dyke; Martins Close

Our life at St. John's

✠ An awareness and concern for our local prison at Send, prisoners, chaplains, warders, governors, staff.

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Spiritual Fruit and Gifts

✠ Pray for the gift of INTEGRITY

The 28th of the month
Topic: Leisure and recreation

✠ (Exo 20:11) For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefor e the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Pray for churches and ministry:

✠ The Boxgrove congregation of Guildford Baptist Church - especially its members, leaders and ministers; church links with Europe - especially Frieburg; the Porvoo Anglican/Lutheran Communion with the Nordic and Baltic churches.

Around and about the parish

✠ Ladies Circles; Guildford Saints Football Club; our Member of Parliament in Europe; for all who work on Sundays supplying gas, electricity and water and those in shops.

Pray for our neighbours in:

✠ Merrow Woods; Sheeplands Avenue; Three Gates; Wykeham Road

Our life at St. John's

✠ Festivals and the opportunities for evangelism and fellowship they present.

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Spiritual Fruit and Gifts

✠ Pray for the gift of CONSIDERATION

The 29th of the month

Topic: The whole Church

✠ (John 17:20-21) "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

Pray for churches and ministry:

✠ St. John's Parents and Toddlers Group; the Saturday Street Hockey Club; ministry to our teenagers; Christians in politics; Inter-Faith relations.

Around and about the parish

✠ Students, especially those away from home; Adult education for those employed and retired; younger members of our local clubs and organisations.

Pray for our neighbours in:

✠ Admiral Court; Beatty Avenue; Boxgrove Lane; Collingwood Crescent

Our life at St. John's

✠ For Christian witness and integrity in our place of work

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Spiritual Fruit and Gifts

✠ Pray for the gift of INSIGHT

The 30th of the month

Topic: The day's work

✠ (Exo 35:30-33) ... the LORD has ... filled him with divine spirit, with skill, intelligence, and knowledge in every kind of craft, to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, in every kind of craft.

Pray for churches and ministry:

✠ St. Pius Creche; St. John's Wednesday Coffee Club; Prison chaplains; Religious broadcasting - local and national; that organisations who use our hall may find a welcoming and inviting community at St. John's.

Around and about the parish

✠ Local universities and colleges; Italia Conti Group (youth); Send Prison; our County Council and councillors; for all who commute and travel by land, sea or air.

Pray for our neighbours in:

✠ Cunningham Avenue; Duncan Drive; Frobisher Gardens; Howard Gardens

Our life at St. John's

✠ For the grace to find God in all things.

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Spiritual Fruit and Gifts

✠ Pray for the gift of ENLIGHTENMENT

The 31st of the month

Topic: Doing the truth

✠ (Zec 8:16) These are the things that you shall do:

Speak the truth to one another, render in your gates judgments that are true and make for

peace. (John 1:14) And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Pray for churches and ministry:

✠ St. Pius' Parents and Toddlers; Merrow Methodist Shell Group; the YMCA's work locally and nationally; religious correspondents in local and national newspapers.

Around and about the parish

✠ Our MP; Merrow Village Nursery School; our Borough Council and councillors; Merrow Village Nursery School; the Shopmobility Scheme for the disabled.

Pray for our neighbours in:

✠ Napier Gardens; Nelson Gardens; Rodway Drive; for the roads and neighbourhoods of worshippers who live outside Merrow.

Our life at St. John's

✠ For integrity in our life of faith.

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Spiritual Fruit and Gifts

✠ Pray for the gift of RELAXATION