

## SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH

### Topic: Thy Kingdom come

✠ (Luke 11:1-4 ) He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."



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**On the 1st Sunday:** Pray for the Parochial Church Council and all who maintain the life of our parish churches particularly archdeacons, churchwardens, treasurers, secretaries and administrators.

**On the 2nd Sunday:** Pray for the Pastoral Team and all who share responsibility for the cure of souls within our parishes - parish clergy, readers, lay pastoral assistants and lay workers.

**On the 3rd Sunday:** Pray for the Evangelism Team and all involved in Bible study; Evangelism; Teaching; House Groups; Outreach; Nurture and Junior Church; Unity and ecumenism.

**On the 4th Sunday:** Pray for the Fellowship Team and the community life of our church and parish. For those who care for our church buildings, church centres and parish administrators.

**On the 5th Sunday:** Pray for the worshipping life of the parish and cathedral churches in the wider Anglican Communion, but especially our diocesan bishop and his staff and administration.

## Space to put your Personal Intercessions and Prayers (significant days, particular anniversaries, birthdays, people and places etc.)

### **Seasonal Themes:**

The Advent season (Autumn / Winter)  
Christmas - tide (Winter)  
Epiphany - tide (Winter)  
Lenten - tide (Winter / Spring)  
Easter - tide (Spring / Summer)  
The Trinity season (Summer / Autumn)  
The Kingdom season (Autumn)

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### **Prayer for yourself:**

✠ Pray daily to be fruitful for the Lord in your own life.

*(Mat 7:20) Thus you will know them by their fruits.*

## **The 1st of the month**

### **Topic: Living as a family**

✠ (Eph 3:14-15) For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name.



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#### **Pray for churches and ministry:**

✠ Methodist church Tuesday Club for parents and under 5's; St. John's Church Hall and all who use it; Church leaders; the Diocesan Pastoral Committee; for ministry in acts of collective worship at schools.

#### **Around and about the parish**

✠ Nursing homes - especially Halldeane; Stroke clubs; "Stroke of Luck" Club; Boxgrove County Primary School (children, teachers, parents and governors); Boxgrove and Merrow Evening Townswomen's Guild.

#### **Pray for our neighbours in:**

✠ Abbots Way; Beechway; Boxgrove Lane; Carroll Avenue.

#### **Our life at St. John's**

✠ To be a welcoming church in terms of meeting the worship and pastoral needs of our parish families

## **Personal Intercessions and Prayers**

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#### **Daily themes:**

Sundays - Resurrection  
Mondays - Pentecost  
Tuesdays - Advent  
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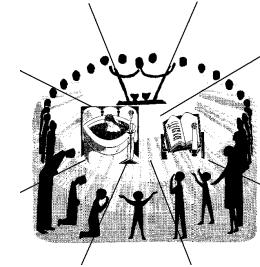
#### **Spiritual Fruit and Gifts**

✠ Pray for the fruit of LOVE

## **The 2nd of the month**

### **Topic: Thanksgiving**

✠ (Phil 4:4-7) Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.



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#### **Pray for churches and ministry:**

✠ St. John's Playgroup; The Parish Magazine; the YMCA and it's youth workers at Bushy Hill; Religious houses in our diocese at Woking and Effingham.

#### **Around and about the parish**

✠ Elderly peoples' housing - especially Sunset Homes; Bushy Hill Junior School (children, teachers, parents and governors); Grapevine group and all who care for those with mental illness; Boxgrove Park Neighbourhood Watch and Residents Association; for our local village shops and community spirit

#### **Pray for our neighbours in:**

✠ Daryngton Drive; Down Road; Downsway; Elles Avenue

#### **Our life at St. John's**

✠ That modern technology may be used creatively in the service of the Gospel - particularly the Internet.

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#### **Spiritual Fruit and Gifts**

✠ Pray for the fruit of JOY

## The 3rd of the month

### Topic: Unity of purpose

✠ (Eph 4:1-6) I therefore ... beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called ... making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.



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#### **Pray for churches and ministry:**

✠ Ministry in the acts of collective worship at our Merrow Church of England Infants School; The Children's Society; School chaplains and relational workers; the Diocesan Advisory Committee

#### **Around and about the parish**

✠ Psychiatric care in hospital and home; First Merrow Brownies; Bushy Hill Community Club; Relate and all whose marriages are in difficulty; Citizens Advice Bureau

#### **Pray for our neighbours in:**

✠ Epsom road; Fairlawns; Fairway; Grasmere Close

#### **Our life at St. John's**

✠ For a strengthening of our sense of fellowship and community

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#### **Spiritual Fruit and Gifts**

✠ Pray for the fruit of PEACE

## The 4th of the month

### Topic: Silence

✠ (Psa 46:10) "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."



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#### **Pray for churches and ministry:**

✠ The ministry of and to the staff and teachers of Merrow Church of England Infants School; The Mothers Union at home and abroad; The Diocesan Council for Mission and Unity; The United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (USPG) and especially St. Anne's Hospital, Nkhotakota, Lake Malawi.

#### **Around and about the parish**

✠ Bushy Hill Tenants Association; First Merrow Guides; Counselling and Family Support; Elderly people's residences - especially Hedger's Almshouses residents and trustees

#### **Pray for our neighbours in:**

✠ Greatford Drive; Greencroft; Grove Road; Highpath Road

#### **Our life at St. John's**

✠ For an appreciation of the importance of retreats and the place of silence

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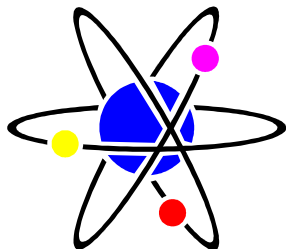
#### **Spiritual Fruit and Gifts**

✠ Pray for the fruit of PATIENCE

## **The 5th of the month**

### **Topic: Science and religion**

✠ (Isa 40:25-26) To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.



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#### **Pray for churches and ministry:**

✠ Ministry to and with the parents and children of Merrow Church of England Infants School; the Church Mission Society (CMS) and our link project - the Amity Foundation in China; Missions to Seamen; the University of Surrey chaplaincy and chaplains.

#### **Around and about the parish**

✠ Mount Alvernia Hospital its staff and chaplains; Second Merrow Brownies; Dragons Health and Fitness Club; Samaritans; Guildford Counselling Service

#### **Pray for our neighbours in:**

✠ Holford Road; Holmesdale Close; Horseshoe Lane East; Horseshoe Lane West.

#### **Our life at St. John's**

✠ For our Taizé worship and contemplative prayer evenings with the Clandon parishes of St. Peter & Paul, West Clandon, and St. Thomas, East Clandon.

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#### **Spiritual Fruit and Gifts**

✠ Pray for the fruit of KINDNESS

## **The 6th of the month**

### **Topic: politics - national and international**

✠ (Rom 13:1-3) Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God.



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#### **Pray for churches and ministry:**

✠ Church members and their witness in politics; Plans for the Millennium in our area; For the Anglican foundation governors of Merrow Church of England Infants School; Third Merrow Methodist Guides; Men and women living the religious life.

#### **Around and about the parish**

✠ Surrey Police; Guildford Fencing Club; Merrow Matters Community Magazine; Guildford Community Mediation Service; Guildford and District Visually Handicapped Bowls.

#### **Pray for our neighbours in:**

✠ Laustan Close; Levylsdene; Levylsdene Court; Longmead

#### **Our life at St. John's**

✠ Creating and nurturing opportunities to develop and deepen of our life of prayer together and individually

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#### **Spiritual Fruit and Gifts**

✠ Pray for the fruit of GENEROSITY

**The 7th of the month**  
**Topic: The production of**  
**food**

✠ (Psa 145:15-16) The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.



**Pray for churches and ministry:**

✠ St. Thomas of Canterbury RC Primary School - its children, staff, parents and governors; our diocesan bishop John Gladwin and our suffragan bishop Ian Brackley, their wives and families; Anglican and other church ministries of health and healing; Hospital chaplaincies and chaplains.

**Around and about the parish**

✠ Local farms and agricultural work; Veterinary surgeries; First Merrow Scout Group; Guildford Golf Club; Homeless or displaced people; Royal Surrey County Hospital - medical and ancillary staff and patients

**Pray for our neighbours in:**

✠ Merrow Chase; Merrow Copse; Merrow Court; Merrowcroft.

**Our life at St. John's**

✠ To pray regularly for and be informed about the life of our parish and beyond.

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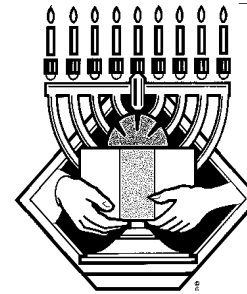
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**Spiritual Fruit and Gifts**

✠ Pray for the fruit of FAITHFULNESS

**The 8th of the month**  
**Topic: Faith in life**

✠ (Rom 4:13; 5:1) For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith ... Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ ..



**Pray for churches and ministry:**

✠ Archdeacons - especially Bob Reiss, Archdeacon of Surrey, his wife and family; Third Methodist Brownies; Diocesan Councils for Social Responsibility; Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous groups; Alpha and Emmaus courses, their leaders and participants.

**Around and about the parish**

✠ Community Health Council; Guildford Opera Company; George Abbot School - its pupils, staff, parents and governors; for artists and craftsmen and women; local hospitals and clinics; Meals on Wheels

**Pray for our neighbours in:**

✠ Parklands Place; Swaynes Lane; The Paddock; Three Pears Road.

**Our life at St. John's**

✠ For out-reach to those on the edges of church life

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✠ Pray for the fruit of GENTLENESS

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