



St James Bulkington

“A Church of the Community for the Community”



St. Botolph's Church

Burton Hastings with Stretton Baskerville



Prayers and Resources

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Praying for our Parish

This is our regular pattern of prayer for our parish until the end of May:

Lent 5 (Passion Sunday) 29/3/2020	Morland Close Neale Close New Street
Palm Sunday 5/4/2020	Nuneaton Road Oakham Crescent The Paddocks
Easter Day 12/4/2020	Ribble Close School Road Severn Road
Easter 2 19/4/2020	Shilton Lane Silver Trees Drive Spring Road
Easter 3 26/4/2020	St James Gardens Stafford Close Staples Close
Easter 4 3/5/2020	Tamar Road Thames Close Trent Road
Easter 5 10/5/2020	Villa Close Villa Crescent Weavers Close
Easter 6 17/5/2020	Weston Lane Winterton Road Withybrook Road
Easter 7 24/5/2020	Wolvey Road Wye Close
Pentecost 31/5/2020	Amberley Avenue Amelia Close Arden Road

Readings for Sundays

Sunday 29th March (Lent 5/Passion Sunday)

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

Sunday 5th April (Palm Sunday)

Matthew 21:1-11
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66

Sunday 12th April (Easter Day)

Acts 10:34-43
Colossians 3:1-4
Matthew 28:1-10

Sunday 19th April (Easter 2)

Acts 2:14, 22-32
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

Sunday 26th April (Easter 3)

Acts 2:14, 36-41
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

Sunday 3rd May (Easter 4)

Acts 2:42-47
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

Sunday 10th May (Easter 5)

Acts 7:55-60
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

Sunday 17th May (Easter 6)

Acts 17:22-31
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

Sunday 24th May (Easter 7)

Acts 1:6-14
1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

Sunday 31st May (Pentecost)

Acts 2:1-21
1 Corinthians 12:3-13
John 20:19-23

Resources for Holy Week and Ascension to Pentecost coming soon

Morning Prayer

You may wish to light a candle and have some reflective music playing in the background.

The Lord is good, a strong refuge when trouble comes. God is close to those who trust in him.

Nahum 1.7

Opening Sentences

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

Pause for reflection as you offer the day to God.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever.

Amen.

Bible Reading

You may wish to say Psalm 23 or another psalm here, such as Psalm 16 or Psalm 139.

Psalm 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; ♦
therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures ♦
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He shall refresh my soul ♦
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will
fear no evil; ♦

for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

- 5 You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me; ♦
you have anointed my head with oil
and my cup shall be full.
- 6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the
days of my life, ♦
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

You may wish to use the weekly pattern of short readings given below, or choose a passage of your own. Readings for Sundays can be found on page 4.

Sunday Morning

But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob, he who
formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and
through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and
the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

Isaiah 43.1-3a

Monday Morning

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14.1-6

Tuesday Morning

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4.8-9

Wednesday Morning

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3.16,17

Thursday Morning

You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

Ephesians 2.19-22

Friday Morning

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

Romans 19.9-12

Saturday Morning

He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lillies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you – you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

Luke 12:22-31

Prayers

Almighty and everlasting God,
we thank you that you have brought us safely
to the beginning of this day.
Keep us from falling into sin
or running into danger;
order us in all our doings
and guide us to do always
what is righteous in your sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
forever and ever.
Amen.**

(or)

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hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever.
Amen.**

The Conclusion

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life.
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Night Prayer

You may wish to light a candle and have some reflective music playing in the background.

The eternal God is your refuge,
and underneath are the everlasting arms.

Deuteronomy 33.27

Opening Sentences

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. **Amen.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord **who
made heaven and earth.**

Pause and reflect on the day that is past.

Save us, O Lord, while waking, and guard
us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep
may rest in peace.

Bible Reading

You may wish to say here the psalm given below, or Psalm 27, or another chosen psalm.

Psalm 91

- 1 Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High ♦
and abides under the shadow of the Almighty,
- 2 Shall say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my stronghold, ♦
my God, in whom I put my trust.'

- 3 For he shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler ♦
and from the deadly pestilence.
- 4 He shall cover you with his wings
and you shall be safe under his feathers; ♦
his faithfulness shall be your shield and buckler.
- 5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, ♦
nor of the arrow that flies by day;
- 6 Of the pestilence that stalks in darkness, ♦
nor of the sickness that destroys at noonday.
- 7 Though a thousand fall at your side
and ten thousand at your right hand, ♦
yet it shall not come near you.
- 8 Your eyes have only to behold ♦
to see the reward of the wicked.
- 9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge ♦
and the Most High your stronghold,
- 10 There shall no evil happen to you, ♦
neither shall any plague come near your tent.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, ♦
to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 They shall bear you in their hands, ♦
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; ♦
the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.
- 14 Because they have set their love upon me, therefore
will I deliver them; ♦
I will lift them up, because they know my name.

15 They will call upon me and I will answer them; ♦
I am with them in trouble,
I will deliver them and bring them to honour.

16 With long life will I satisfy them ♦
and show them my salvation.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and
to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and
shall be for ever. Amen.**

*You may wish to use one of the following short readings or choose a passage of your own. Readings for
Sundays are on page 4.*

Sunday Evening

You, O Lord, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; leave us not, O Lord
our God.

Jeremiah 14.9

Monday Evening

Thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: In returning and rest you shall be saved; in
quietness and in trust shall be your strength.

Isaiah 30.15

Tuesday Evening

Jesus said, 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give
you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Matthew 11.28-end

Wednesday Evening

Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you

in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

1 Peter 5.6,7

Thursday Evening

Jesus said, 'I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!'

John 16.33

Friday Evening

God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.

1 Thessalonians 5.9,10

Saturday Evening

Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.'

John 8.12

Prayers

Merciful God,
we entrust to your unfailing and tender care this night those who
are ill or in pain,
knowing that whenever danger threatens
your everlasting arms are there to hold us safe. Comfort
and heal them,
and restore them to health and strength; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Be present, O merciful God,
and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we
who are wearied
by the changes and chances of this fleeting world,
may rest upon your eternal changelessness; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Visit this place, O Lord, we pray,
and drive far from it the snares of the enemy; may your
holy angels dwell with us in peace, and may your blessing
be always upon us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
forever and ever.
Amen.**

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Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever.
Amen.**

The Conclusion

In peace we will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.

The Lord bless us and watch over us;
The Lord make his face to shine upon us and be gracious to us;
The Lord look kindly upon us and give us peace. **Amen.**

Various Prayers

These prayers can be used as part of Morning or Night prayer, or used at any other time:

Prayers about the outbreak

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ,
you taught us to love our neighbour,
and to care for those in need
as if we were caring for you.
In this time of anxiety, give us strength
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,
and to assure the isolated
of our love, and your love,
for your name's sake.

Amen.

God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone on the cross,
but reigns with you in glory,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

For those who are ill

Merciful God,
we entrust to your tender care
those who are ill or in pain,
knowing that whenever danger threatens
your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe.

Comfort and heal them,
and restore them to health and strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

For hospital staff and medical researchers

Gracious God,
give skill, sympathy and resilience
to all who are caring for the sick,
and your wisdom to those searching for a cure.
Strengthen them with your Spirit,
that through their work many will be restored to health;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

From one who is ill or isolated

O God,
help me to trust you,
help me to know that you are with me,
help me to believe that nothing can separate me
from your love
revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

For the Christian community

We are not people of fear:
we are people of courage.
We are not people who protect our own safety:
we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.
We are not people of greed:
we are people of generosity.
We are your people God,
giving and loving,
wherever we are,
whatever it costs
For as long as it takes
wherever you call us.

Barbara Glasson, President of the Methodist Conference

Prayers with children

A prayer for when a friend is ill

Dear God, *(name of friend)* is ill.
They are not allowed to go to school or come over to play.
I'm sad because I miss them.
They must be feeling miserable and lonely as well.
Please be close to them.
Please be with the people who are looking after them.
Please help them to get better and to know that you love them.
Amen.

A prayer for the world

God of love and hope,
you made the world and care for all creation,
but the world feels strange right now.
The news is full of stories about Coronavirus.
Some people are worried that they might get ill.
Others are anxious for their family and friends.
Be with them and help them to find peace.
We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists,
and all who are working to discover the right medicines
to help those who are ill.
Thank you that even in these anxious times,
you are with us.
Help us to put our trust in you and keep us safe.
Amen.

A prayer at bedtime

Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That you, with steadfast love, would keep
Your watch around us while we sleep.

Tonight we pray especially for *(names family or friends who are affected by Coronavirus)* and
the people of *(country or place which is affected by Coronavirus)*.
Please give skill and wisdom to all who are caring for them.
Amen.

A prayer remembering God is with us

Lord God, you are always with me.

You are with me in the day and in the night.

You are with me when I'm happy and when I'm sad.

You are with me when I'm healthy and when I am ill.

You are with me when I am peaceful and when I am worried.

Today I am feeling *(name how you are feeling)* because *(reasons you are feeling this way)*.

Help me to remember that you love me and are with me in everything today.

Amen.

Personal prayers

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples,
'I am with you always'.

Be with me today, as I offer myself to you.

Hear my prayers for others and for myself,
and keep me in your care.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

from St Patrick's Breastplate

I am giving you worship with all my life,
I am giving you obedience with all my power,
I am giving you praise with all my strength,
I am giving you honour with all my speech.
I am giving you love with all my heart,
I am giving you affection with all my sense,
I am giving you my being with all my mind,
I am giving you my soul, O most high and holy God.
Praise to the Father,
Praise to the Son,
Praise to the Spirit,
The Three in One.

O gracious and holy Father,
give us wisdom to perceive you,
diligence to seek you,
patience to wait for you,
eyes to behold you,
a heart to meditate upon you,
and a life to proclaim you,
through the power of the spirit
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

St Benedict

Prayer before worship

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Common Worship

Prayers of confession

My God, for love of you I desire to hate and forsake all sins by which I have ever displeased you; and I resolve by the help of your grace to commit them no more; and to avoid all opportunities of sin. Help me to do this, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Common Worship

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Grant we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace; that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BCP

Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy and immortal:
Have mercy on us.

Trisagion

Grace before a meal

Bless, O Lord, this food for our use and us in your service and keep us ever mindful of the needs of others; for Christ's sake. Amen.

Prayers before bed

Visit this place, O Lord, we pray, and drive far from it all the snares of the enemy; may your holy angels dwell with us and guard us in peace, and may your blessing be always upon us; though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Common Worship

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, sustain the dying, calm the suffering, and pity the distressed; all for your love's sake, O Christ our Redeemer.

after St. Augustine of Hippo

God our Father, by whose mercy
the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light:
we place in your hands our unfinished tasks,
our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes,
knowing that only what you bless will prosper.
To your love and protection
we commit each other and all those we love,
knowing that you alone are our sure defender,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer on TV, Radio and the Internet

Television programmes

- *Songs of Praise* Sundays at 1.15pm on BBC 1

Radio programmes

- Prayer for the Day **daily** at 5.43am on BBC Radio 4
- Sunday Worship **Sundays** at 8.10am on BBC Radio 4
- Daily Service **Monday to Friday** at 9.45am on BBC Radio 4 Longwave and DAB.
- Lent Talks **Wednesdays** at 8.45pm on BBC Radio 4
- Choral Evensong **Wednesdays** at 3.30pm (service repeated **Sundays** at 3pm) BBC Radio 3

Internet Resources

- Keep up to date with St James and St Botolph in the following ways:
 - www.stjameschurcbulkington.org.uk
 - www.facebook.com/StJamesBulkington
 - www.stbotolphsbh.org.uk
 - www.twitter.com/StBotolphs
- Leading up to each Sunday to download and/or print, there will be:
 - A news sheet
 - Readings and Prayers for the Day
 - A short sermon (audio and written)
- Stream worship from Coventry Cathedral on Facebook every day at 9:15am and 12 midday: www.facebook.com/coventrycathedral
- Look up Bible passages: www.biblegateway.com
- Church of England Daily Prayer: www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer
- Audio daily prayer: www.pray-as-you-go.org
- Church of England resources available on *Daily Prayer* app.

If you are feeling lonely...

- Please call or message one another on the telephone – each member of the Church can bring comfort to others.
- You can call Charles on 07954072164 or email vicar@stjameschurchbulkington.org.uk. If there's no answer, please leave a message and he will get back to you as soon as possible.
- You can call:
 - National Christian Helpline on 0300 111 0101 (9am to midnight every day; normal landline rate)
 - Samaritans on 116 123 (always open; free)
 - Silverline on 0800 4 70 80 90 (55+; always open; free)

'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit'

Romans 15:13

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