

GREAT MALVERN PRIORY PRAYER DIARY APRIL 2024

1. Pray for rest for our church leaders after the busy Holy Week and Easter season

As Festival season begins, pray for everyone at Spring Harvest at Skegness this week, and at Minehead next week.

2. Pray for our new floor and give thanks for everyone who has worked hard on each stage of the work on it

Pray for Tearfund's work in Bangladesh; for those bringing God's light and hope to communities as they walk the path out of poverty. Solar lights, better sanitation and opportunities to earn money are some of the ways families are being helped towards a better future.

3. Pray for guidance for all restoring the Priory, returning all its well-loved features and helping in the clean-up

Remember in prayer the 3.5 billion people around the world who do not have access to a safe, clean toilet. Ask God to protect them from disease and harm that can be associated with not having a toilet. Pray for governments to hear the voices of advocates (like Tearfund) and to take action.

4. Pray for everyone thinking of their input to the Annual Church meeting later this month

In February Myanmar's junta announced mandatory military service for up to two years. Pray for the safety and protection of all the local churches, partners and people Tearfund serves. Pray for peace and unity in Myanmar.

5. Ask for guidance for our Secretary to the PCC in his responsible role

St Katharina's Wolmirstedt: Pray for pastor Ute and superintendent Uwe in their work of extending the Kingdom of God...

Remember parents at St Katharina's who long for their children to grow in the knowledge of God's love. Give thanks for repairs to the church.

6. Pray for the return of Just a Cuppa, and for volunteers previous and new to man it; for everyone who enjoys a Priory Welcome.

Pray for every Malvern resident living in poverty, trying to feed children and provide a stable home for them.

7. Sunday Easter Praise continues. Give thanks again for the hospitality of Malvern College, inviting us to worship in their chapel in the past weeks. Give thanks for our busy churchwardens juggling each facet of their roles

8. Pray for our collection counters, Treasurer, Finance Committee and all overseeing our finances

Dave Newton took on the role of Scripture Union National Director in March following in the footsteps of Myles MacBean. Pray that Dave may know God's wisdom and blessing as he brings his experience to this new role.

9. Pray for Dylan learning each day the complexities of the Custos's role, for Rob and all who support them

SU: Pray for the Holidays and Missions team as they help the volunteers prepare for the programme of Easter events. The SU Bake Off and Create holidays start early in April. Pray for good conversations with the young people as they develop their baking and artistic skills.

10. Remember all preparing for Lifepath in June; for pilgrim guides, activity leaders and those organising the whole event

Pray for Maggie Barfield, as she balances the priorities of her two Development Hub roles as the Guardians of Ancora Mission Leader and Senior Content Innovator. Maggie's Revealing Jesus projects currently range from ages 5 to 18; please pray for mental agility, energy and creativity.

11. Ask for guidance for our Mission Committee, considering outreach locally and abroad

Schools play a vital role in Kenya, opening the door to careers and income security, and also, in Church schools, providing the opportunity to teach the Christian faith. Marsabit Diocese now has 6 Primary Academies, and 2 High Schools. St Andrew's Boys' High School has grown to 161 students, up to Year 3. The newly opened Elazar Girls' High School has 51 pupils. Land has been bought for a 3rd High School, also for girls, near the Ethiopian border. Pray for these schools transforming pupils' futures.

12. Give thanks for our music makers practising for Sunday's worship

New churches are being planted in Marsabit diocese. Parkishon is a community of the Samburu tribe, near Marsabit. On his recent visit Bishop Rob Martin assisted Bishop Qampicha, baptising and confirming 68 people there. Recently Over 340 candidates were confirmed around the diocese. Thank God that the Church is growing.

13. Give thanks for our Pastoral Care Team and PALs who are always there to support us when we are in need

Bishop Rob Martin, former bishop of Marsabit, hopes to visit the Priory again in the latter part of this year, and to share news of his recent visit to Marsabit. Pray for Rob and Sue as they visit churches, sharing news of Marsabit, and encouraging prayer and financial support.

14. Sunday Pray for everyone taking part in Messy Church this afternoon, and for strength and stamina for those leading this powerful outreach

15. Pray for the Priory Shop resuming business after our church renovation. Give thanks for the Manager and every volunteer

The Place of Grace: Thank God that Rob Sykes was able to visit the Robinsons at the Place of Grace in Bangkok recently. John and Gillian will be coming on home leave this summer. Pray that an opportunity will be found for them to visit the Priory, and share news with us.

16. Pray for The Lord's continued guidance for our ordinands and trainee Licenced Lay Minister
Pray for all the day to day work at the Place of Grace, and the Thai staff - the school, the clubs, the women's refuge, the food bank. Pray that the lives of disadvantaged women and children will be transformed, and that many will come to know the Lord Jesus.
17. Give thanks for our retired clergy and Licenced Lay Ministers who do so much to support our incumbent and curate
As violence against Christians in Uganda increases, Open Doors partners are stepping up their support. Pray please for wisdom and compassion as they visit believers and assess their needs.
18. Ask The Lord to guide our Tour Guides and Welcomers who give their time to make the Priory a welcoming place
Open Doors, Nigeria: it is 10 years ago this month that 276 girls were kidnapped from their school in Chibok. While many have been released or escaped, 112 girls are still unaccounted for. Please pray that God will comfort their grieving families-and that even now the remaining girls will be released.
19. Give thanks for our flower arrangers who use their skills to enhance our building
In DRC, Neema 's son was among 15 believers killed when Islamic militants bombed their church. "They came to exterminate us, but our faith cannot diminish" she says: "we cannot leave His word because of wounds." Pray that this church will continue to heal and grow.
20. Ask The Lord to bless the Farmers' Market, and the Matthew Coleridge REQUIEM concert at 11.00
FCN (fcn.org.uk)The Farming Community Network is a Christian Charity that helps farming families and workers when things go wrong. It has 400 volunteers who give emotional and experienced support helping around 6,000 people a year as the climate changes and farmers have to adapt whilst governments make fresh demands.
21. Sunday Give thanks for Rod's ministry as he approaches his last APCM with us, and continues to serve until retiring in July
Give thanks for our Environment Group who raise our awareness of pressing issues
22. Remember our unseen workers – brass cleaners, linen launderers etc whose hard work is out of sight
MPs have suggested a change in assisted suicide laws in some areas of the country, but CARE warns against such measures saying it would "damage UK society as a whole." Continue to pray about this issue as CARE lobbies MPs and Lords.
23. Pray for our Church Manager and Parish Administrator collating paperwork for tomorrow's APCM
Care for the Family has surveyed over 1,000 men to find out their concerns. Financial stress, shortage of time, supporting the family, juggling work priorities and church commitments headed the list. CFTF tries to address these in its podcast The Dad Cave.
24. The Priory APCM will be held this evening. Pray for a smooth transaction of the necessary business. Give thanks for all serving officers and PCC members, those retiring and those continuing, and ask for guidance for new members being elected.
25. Pray for our Worship Committee considering patterns of worship for us
Mosaic Middle East (MME). Please pray for the staff and volunteers at the Orthodox Church of St. Porphyrius and the Catholic Church at Holy Family in Gaza City who are doing so much to help the displaced Christians in Gaza.
26. Pray for Priory members acting as Chaplains in our community
MME. Please pray for the ongoing work at St. George's, Baghdad, that they will be able to provide more assistance to those struggling to feed their families.
27. Pray for performers and audience at the concert by Bromyard Choral Society and Cradley Singers
MME. Pray for the plans to establish a fifth Olive Tree Centre in Marka in Jordan, and plans to help to start up new businesses, a cakes and sweet bakes factory and a gym and fitness centre in the Nineveh Plain area.
28. Sunday Pray for the Missions whom the Priory supports in prayer and financially
Remember Christians Against Poverty working to help local people whose lives are overshadowed by debt with the fear that brings. Give thanks for those who help to find a way forward which leads to hope and, often, faith in our Lord.
29. Pray for our Mothers' Union members supporting one another and families world-wide
Pray for Paul Tester in his role in CMS overseeing Latin America, and for the whole family back in this country after their years in Peru.
30. Pray for performers and audience at the lunchtime concert given by students of Royal Birmingham Conservatoire
Remember our Priory family members in nursing and care homes and all in need of medical care. Pray for the staff of the emergency services, hospitals, hospices, GPs and dentists who work tirelessly to help us when we are in need.

Please submit contributions for May by 10 April