

## Prayer Focus 1st March 2020

**'Be joyful, keep the faith, and do the little things that you have heard and seen me do.'**

From the last sermon of St David

Where the world is merciless be God's mercy.

Where the world is hopeless be God's hope.

Where there is injustice be God's justice.

Where there is sadness be God's joy.

Where the world is doubting be God's faith.

Where there is ingratitude be God's grace.

Where there is confusion be God's truth.

Where there is weakness be God's strength.

Where the world is wounded be God's healing.

Where the world is weeping be God's song.

Where there is despairing be God's beauty.

Where the world is crumbling be God's rock.

Where there is no tenderness be God's child.

Where there is loneliness be God's smile.

Where the world is dying be God's life.

Where there is darkness be God's light.

Let your life be the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**EBC & Local Focus:-** Please pray for the women's ministry within the church. Pray for those organising the Refresh breakfast, for the speaker Lisa Baker and for all those attending.

Pray for those members of the congregation who have young children as they face the many challenges of raising them. Pray that they will know a real welcome at EBC. Pray that they will feel encouraged and supported.

**Street of the Week :-** Aigburth Road

**Community Prayer Diary:-** Please Pray for St George's Langton and the Worth and Kingston Churches: Revd James Mercer.

**National & World Prayer Points:-**

From BUGB: The week beginning 1st March, the Baptist Union will be praying for the Southern Counties Baptist Association. The 160 churches in Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Dorset and Hampshire aim to work together in unity to encourage and resource one another.

Pray for those who are still being effected by flooding. Pray protection against further bad weather. Pray for communities coming together to try and clean up.

Please continue to pray for Syria as tension increases in the north of the country. Pray that violence will be avoided to prevent further casualties or people having to flee. And pray for protection for the hundreds of thousands of people who have already been displaced.

The war in Yemen has a food crisis that may have already killed 85,000 children. Yemen is a perfect storm of humanitarian, protection and economic crises, with each fuelling the other. Yemen's children are in the eye of that storm and their fight to survive gets harder every day. International aid teams are in Yemen, making sure children can get food to eat, access healthcare, continue their education and be protected from violence. But the crisis is worsening. They are doing everything they can to reach the most vulnerable children across Yemen, but the on-and-off blockade is restricting access.